

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Open Space Committee (OSC)
Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2016

*Note: Minutes are not final until reviewed and approved by the Committee.
Review and approval of minutes generally takes place on the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee.*

Present at Meeting: Ames called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chair Victoria Reck Ames, Jeanne Thieme

Also present: Keene State College students Gillian Davis, Hannah Elliott, Alison Gilleran, Kyle Roberts

Absent: Sharon Greatbatch, Theresa DiLuzio, Selectmen's Representative Ken Colby
Minutes of September 21, 2016 meeting: no action taken

Agenda items

Collaborating with KSC students' community resource inventory

Students and OSC members discussed an inventory of current community resources and citizen's opinions regarding resources, along with a citizen survey under development. The project is to provide a foundation for recommendations for effective policy relative to the community resources.

Discussion included places of importance in Swanzey, qualities of rural character (including community activism) how citizens of different ages experience rural character, and the current and historical level of citizen involvement. Students introduced the concept of the new ruralism as the integration of heritage and development, of progress without urbanization.

OSC postcard contents, design, mailing date: no action taken

Conservation Commission recommendation (10/3/2016 motion) to Selectmen to purchase Map 32, Lot 4 and Map 24, Lot 45 for "public access" Members reviewed and discussed available information.

OSC recommendation for funding Conservation Land Acquisition capital reserve fund Members reviewed data on historical funding and expenditures from the Conservation Land Acquisition capital reserve fund, prepared by Ames on behalf of the OSC in response to the Capital Improvements Program Committee's request that department heads and Town committees plan for anticipated annual expenditures.

Other business

Talking at length, Thieme and Ames discussed persistent and long-standing impediments to accomplishing the mission of the OSC, and concurred that neither was capable of surmounting these obstacles. After much discussion, both concluded that continued service could not be productive.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment occurred at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Reck Ames
Recording Secretary