

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire  
**Open Space Committee (OSC)**  
Meeting Minutes – December 27, 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:** Chair Ames called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Victoria Reck Ames, Jeanne Thieme, Sharon Greatbatch, Theresa DiLuzio, and Selectmen’s Representative Kenneth P Colby, Jr. (left at 1:50).

**Minutes** of December 15, 2016 site visit and regular meeting: **Motion** to approve by DiLuzio. Second by Greatbatch. All in favor, with Colby (not present at the December 15, 2016 meeting) abstaining. **Motion carries.**

Regarding the discussion of Map 24 Lot 45 reported in the minutes of December 15, 2016, Colby referenced a letter about the property’s historical use that Richard Scaramelli submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Those present reviewed the conversation with Scaramelli that took place during the OSC’s initial evaluation of the property following the December 15 site visit.

**Agenda items**

**Review of draft OSC annual report (January 18, 2017 submission deadline)**

Members read and discussed the draft, recommending several revisions. Ames will revise and re-distribute.

**Discussion of December 7, 2016 meeting with consultant Jack Wozmak and Monadnock Conservancy executive director Ryan Owens regarding Mt Caesar**

Members reviewed key aspects of the meeting. Colby outlined current fiscal and administrative challenges of operating the Carpenter Home. Members discussed how the many extraordinary features of the Home—including its natural setting, intimate size, proximity to young people, and affordability—are attractive to those seeking the so-called “greenhouse model” of assisted living. Members discussed Wozmak’s recommendations for upgrades and promotion of the Home, and considered how the OSC might support the continued operation of the Home by engaging those in the community who value public access to Mt. Caesar.

**Request for feedback regarding possible Town purchase of Map 24 Lot 45**

Members reviewed and edited compiled data resulting from the December 15, 2016 site walk and subsequent project evaluation. Ames will revise and re-distribute.

**Schedule for regular meetings**

Members agreed to resume monthly meetings, to take place at Whitcomb Hall from 3:00 to 4:30 on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on January 17, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by DiLuzio to adjourn; Thieme seconded the motion and all were in favor. **Motion carries.** Adjournment occurred at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Reck Ames