

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire  
**Open Space Committee (OSC)**  
Meeting Minutes – September 21, 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 meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Present were Victoria Reck Ames, Jeanne Thieme, Sharon Greatbatch, Theresa DiLuzio, Selectmen's Representative Ken Colby, and Swanzey Recreation Director Ian Fraunfelder

**Minutes** of June 15, 2016 regular meeting: **Motion** to approve by Thieme. Second by DiLuzio. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Agenda items**

**Collaborating with Swanzey recreation programs**

Members welcomed Fraunfelder to the meeting and welcomed him to his position as part-time recreation director. Ames presented an overview of OSC philosophy, values and activities, stating that the Committee has worked hard to celebrate the qualities of Swanzey's rural character that contribute to making Swanzey's special places so worthy of protection. Ames said that the OSC has a rich history of working in collaboration with other organizations to help create opportunities for citizens of all ages to come together to enjoy Swanzey's special places. Members expressed the OSC's desire to collaborate with Swanzey recreation programs. Fraunfelder reviewed the OSC scrapbook, and received a handout outlining the differences in mission and practices between Swanzey's Conservation Commission and the OSC.

Fraunfelder talked about existing recreation programs (youth soccer, summer camp for young children, girls' softball). Fraunfelder said that his ideas and hopes for the future include expanded programming for 12- to 15-year olds (possibly with structured hikes), and developing programs—based on interests of citizens of all ages-- that might take place at Whitcomb Hall (for example, trivia nights, movies, yoga). Fraunfelder distributed a Recreation Department brochure that lists programs and hikes, and solicits ideas for new recreation programs. For the short term, Fraunfelder encouraged OSC members to think about ways to collaborate with summer camp programming.

DiLuzio recommended expanding the use of Brown Field, and encouraged expanding opportunities for adults, including the elderly. Members discussed existing programs with Fraunfelder. Members agreed that, while the part-time position is a great start, the town will be well served with a full-time recreation director.

**2017 OSC budget request** Members discussed past and anticipated Committee expenses. **Motion** by Greatbatch to submit to the Board of Selectmen a requested OSC operating budget of \$3,500. Second by DiLuzio. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**2017 recommendation for funding the Conservation Land Acquisition capital reserve fund** Members discussed the purpose and uses of the capital reserve fund. Members acknowledged that Swanzey's one-acre house lots currently cost approximately \$65,000, and acknowledged that real estate transactions require the ability to respond quickly--as is made possible by a realistically sized and readily accessible source of funds. Noting that voters have historically supported annual allocations of \$50,000, members expressed agreement in recommending restoration of the \$50,000 funding level. **Motion** by Greatbatch to recommend that the Board of Selectmen budget \$50,000 for the

Conservation Land Acquisition capital reserve fund. Second by Thieme. All in favor.  
**Motion carries.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Ames to adjourn; DiLuzio seconded the motion and all were in favor. **Motion carries.** Adjournment occurred at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Reck Ames  
Recording Secretary