

Town of Swanzev, New Hampshire
Open Space Committee (OSC)
Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2015

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 Thieme called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Bob McElvey, Beverly Bernard, Karen Sielke, Sharon Greatbatch, Victoria Reck Ames, Alternate Theresa DiLuzio, and Selectmen’s Representative Kenneth P. Colby, Jr. The Chair seated DiLuzio for Farnsworth.

Absent: Mary Farnsworth, Alternate Deb Crowder and Alternate Judith Hildebrandt

Minutes:

Sielke **moved** to accept the minutes from January 17, 2015 and Ames seconded the motion. All were in favor except Colby who abstained. **Motion passed.**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Members Terms and Nominations** – Thieme said she wanted to step down from the Chair position. DiLuzio nominated Ames for Chair of the Committee and Sielke seconded the nomination for Ames. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. **Winter Snowshoe Hike** – March 14th is the suggested date for the event and to have it at Dickinson Preserve. McElvey said he would ask a naturalist Wendy Ward to be present once again. McElvey suggested time form 10 a.m. to noon. Bernard will publicize in the Monadnock Shopper and the Sentinel and on Facebook.
3. **Yale Trail Hike in April** – deferred until March meeting as Farnsworth was not present.
4. **Bright button postcard** – Ames said that she would work on this since she has the artwork. It was agreed to produce a large size postcard.
5. **Children’s Events at Belding Field** – Ames spoke about some ideas for working with young children in nature events. The Committee will consider the materials gathered by Ames in order to plan for the future. Ames provided a document outlining her thinking and research. In the document she referred to sources of information including <http://antiochne.edu/teacher-education/nature-based-early-childhdod-education-program/> and <http://conservationtools.org/guides/show/135#ixzz3RRreEAY0k>. There was also a discussion regarding work needed to be done on the land.
6. **Swanzy Lake Rec Program** – Greatbatch said she spoke to Town of Swanzy Recreation Director Judy Bohannon about the summer program in which 50-60 youngsters are at Swanzy Lake from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. She noted there are planned activities for the children but doesn’t think there is enough room for hiking on the property. In the past they have transported children out for a field trip. Bohannon said she would be open to consider possible events sponsored by the OSC. Children are ages 4 to 11 years old.
7. **Wessels Walk** – September 27, 2015 – Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thieme said the program is two hours inside for a slide show and talk, with a two hour hike to follow. Discussion was held with regard to which hiking trail to use for the event. Several pieces of land were suggested as possible sites for the hike and there was a discussion about how many folks might attend.

8. **West Swanzey Park Celebration** – Colby said that no work can be done during the winter and he will continue to update the Committee as progress is made.
9. **Work Party Mt. Caesar** – DiLuzio asked Colby about cutting some brush from the top of the mountain to clear the view. There was reference to the possibility of the airport handling the work. Colby agreed to raise the issue with the Board of Selectmen.
10. **Updating Town website and Facebook page** – Bernard will post the Snowshoe Hike on the Town's home page. Greatbatch requested that new content for social media be added to the agenda each month.
11. **Stonewall Presentation** – October 21, 2015 is the date for the event. DiLuzio said that the check was sent in, and an application, but the event has not been confirmed yet.

ADJOURNMENT

DiLuzio **moved** to adjourn; Thieme seconded the motion and all were in favor. ***Motion passed.***
Adjournment occurred at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beverly Bernard, Recording Secretary