

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2013

Present at Meeting: Jeanne Thieme, Mary Farnsworth, Theresa DiLuzio, Bob McKelvey, Sharon Greatbatch, Judy Hildebrandt

Absent: Beverly Bernard, Ken Colby, Deb Crowder

Others Present: Richard Scaramelli, Sara Carbonneau, Town Planner

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m.

As stated in the Open Space Committee's charge by the Town of Swanzey, "*The Open Space Committee (OSC) helps Swanzey's residents protect the rural character of Swanzey by promoting land conservation and connecting land owners with land trusts.*"

Recently a 27.5 acre plot of former farmland off Carlton Rd. and Rt. 32, backing on the South Branch of the Ashuelot River (for purposes of identification: the Robinson-Carter parcel), was posted for sale. The notice of the proposed sale has generated considerable interest in the town.

The OSC discussed what role it might play in promoting conservation of that specific land. It was noted that a considerable portion of the plot is wetlands and flood plain. The realtor has listed an asking price of \$500,000.

Jeanne Thieme moved: **The Open Space Committee will explore options on land protection for the Robinson-Carter parcel on Carlton Rd. and Rt. 32.** Motion seconded by Mary Farnsworth. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeanne Thieme will initiate conversations with The Monadnock Conservancy and Ryan Owens on how to approach the owner, the realtor, and to explore funding resources.

Meeting adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

Judy Hildebrandt, note-taker