

## Minutes of Open Space Committee meeting June 8, 2011

Present: Jeanne Thieme, chairperson, Sara Carbonneau, Theresa Diluzio, Paula Shank, Deb Crowder, Beverly Bernard

Absent: Katherine Feist, Judy Hildebrandt, Sharon Greatbatch

### Agenda:

- Monadnock Conservancy Strategic Planning Work group praise for Swanzey committee work in our holistic approach to land conversation. The fact that we invite community participation and not just specific land owners helps the committee highlight the value of its work for the entire community, not just for a few.
- Spring Celebration – debriefing
  - Input included magnets for postcards might be useful, but expensive
  - Postcards to kids in schools needs explanation – someone could do a presentation for the committee
  - Do we need sandwich boards to draw in folks? Oxen pen and activities around it are hidden from street view.
  - Promote by having someone in cow costume waving to passerbys at the street.
  - Weather was a factor – threat of rain, cold, first day without rain in several
  - Monadnock Regional High School Agricultural students were happy with their participation.
  - Most agreed the event was very enjoyable to all who participated. There was some discussion about how to better organize and further promote public safety for such events in the future.
- Old Home Days
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> – we have meeting just before on July 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Parade is at 10 am
  - Theresa will help organize our planning for booth
    - Need two people for banner, two for oxen, Deb with goats, others to follow
  - Booth
    - Rural Character DVDs
    - Buttons
    - Brochures
    - Trail maps
    - Two tables
    - Chairs
    - Pennants – 2 or 3 of them
    - New banner
    - Monadnock Conservancy write up
    - Map of Town for kids to pinpoint favorite places
      - Deb volunteered to get board and pins if someone provides the map
  - July 31<sup>st</sup> Tippin rock Hike sponsored by Monadnock Conservancy
    - Bev working with Emily to develop joint trail map
    - Theresa will take care of Honey Hill map reproduction for box at trailhead
  - Tolman Property Closing and other property related items
    - Ann McBride is back working

- Work party date needed to clear road for Tolman property parking so as to keep family road clear – no date decision as yet
- June 28<sup>th</sup> is Mt. Cresson trail work party date – 9 am
  - New trail being built to create loop
  - Trailhead at power lines on Matthews Road
  - Brings own tools
- Future projects?
  - Back door approach is best. Forums not working.
  - Perhaps go to other organization meetings (homeowners associations, Lions club, etc) and do a presentation
- Dan's maps
  - Theresa brought in a bunch of large maps from Dan. Will be kept in Sara's crowded office.

Respectfully submitted  
Beverly Bernard  
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