

Minutes of Open Space Committee Meeting – August 15, 2012

Attending: Jeanne Thieme, Ken Colby, Judy Hildebrandt, Sharon Greatbatch, Deb Crowder, Katherine Feist, Theresa DiLuzio, Beverly Bernard, and member of the public Bruce Bohannon

Absent: Paula Shank

Items:

1. Bruce Bohannon requested a donation from OSC in support of rail trail for maintenance of section Sawyer's Crossing Rd. to Pine Street. Goal is start by October 1st.
2. Sara Carbonneau introduced Plan NH. We will receive \$30 – 50,000 in professional services in the form of a "charrette." Main Street area of West Swanzey is focus. The charrette will be November 9th and 10th (Friday and Saturday). Outcome will be plan to revitalize West Swanzey. Website is plannh.com. Time is tentatively Friday 3:30 to 5 and 6:30 to 8pm.
3. Re: OSC pamphlets. Katherine made a motion to update and reprint 1000 copies. Theresa seconded. Everyone to provide input for changes; send to Jeanne by next Wednesday. Put a date of revision on pamphlet. Going to print in a week. All were in favor.
4. Flat Ike – Beverly reported we have about 30 unique photos. We have enough photos to put on digital frame in Town Hall, in Gomarlo's and one for each library. Beverly will load the photos onto the frame and bring it to the September meeting. Judy and Theresa will contact the libraries.
5. Trailhead signs #11 is favorite with two lines. Jeanne moved we buy 8 signs and seconded by Judy. All in favor. The following signs will be purchased: Carroll's Hill Trailhead, Tippin Rock Trailhead, four Arrows, View sign and Tippin Rock sign.
6. Bench samples were brought in by Sharon. She will pursue log theme and check with chainsaw person and how it might be done. She will check on prices. 6 foot size bench is desired.
7. Theresa has proposed Kibler property have an access other than through the house driveway for hiking access.
8. Committee voted and appropriated funds for Railtrail maintenance, motion by Sharon for \$2,000, seconded by Katherine, all in favor.
9. Trail box for Carroll's Hill; there are three boxes up in attic. Sharon will ask Bruce about the boxes since they were used for Rail Trail.
10. Denny Wheeler – from Harris Center - wants to do a hike in October with us. Agreed that we would do so. Jeanne will coordinate with Harris Center.
11. September 19th potluck in honor of Katherine. Spouses invited.
12. Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer elected. Beverly, Secretary, Judy, Treasurer, Sharon, Vice Chair. Motion made by Jeanne and seconded by Katherine, all were in favor.
13. ARM fund – \$60K mitigation funds are available for wetlands mitigation. Committee decided to table this for now.
14. Kibler hike – Theresa and Beverly will work on planning for that hike.

Adjournment at 6:30pm.