

MINUTES OF OSC MEETING Nov. 9th, 2011

In attendance: Beverly Bernard, Sara Carbonneau, Katherine Feist, Jeanne Thieme, Paula Shank, Theresa DeLuzia, Judy Hildebrandt, Sharon Greatbatch

Members brought their Flat Ike photos with written descriptions as samples for our Flat Ike project.

Sara informed the group that the Board of Selectmen meeting is Nov. 22nd, which is a Tuesday. Our budget will be reviewed at that time. Meeting starts at 6pm. Meeting is at Town Hall. As many members as can make it should be there for the meeting.

Jeanne suggested that we give landowners rural character button for Thanksgiving, as thanks for their land going into conservation easement. The people to get them: Kibler, Gill, Pullen, Domina, Johnson, Tolman, Blood. Judy will do the packages and write a nice note to insert in package.

Theresa will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 14th with Rocky and Cynthia to talk about the Brown Farm easement. Nature Conservancy wants to help with maintaining flood plain. They have a partial grant. Brown Farm got \$83,000 from this grant for this purpose. Theresa thinks that it is closer to \$70,000. Nature Conservancy wants the Monadnock Conservancy to take over the project. The end date is not October 15th. The money is still there. Sara was concerned that it might not be.

Todd Bergeron would like to discuss Little Monadnock Family Trails group with us at our December meeting. This group went to the state to get written permission to build trails in Troy Hill Holdings. They seek to involve all recreational trail users. There were complaints about huge vehicles using the property and litter being left there. Little Monadnock Family Trails informed the people responsible that they were not allowed on this property since it isn't safe for all kinds of recreational use. No one should be excluded from use, but trails need to be separated for safety purposes, and folks who are irresponsible and not operating in a safe manner may not use the trails. Jeanne asked the group if we wanted to agree to have him come to our meeting. All were in favor. Look at website: www.littlemonadnockfamilytrails.com

Flat Ike Update: Jeanne spoke to Bruce Barlow about the plan for the Pilot project. Bruce will represent the school district and Ryan Owens represent the Monadnock Conservancy. There will be meetings in November and December (two each). We need two liaisons to go to these meetings. Katherine is excited about the project and will be a liaison. Sharon will be a liaison. Liaisons will get input from our meeting with authority to make decisions for us. End product will be an exhibit. Katherine will disseminate minutes for these meetings so that the OSC will be kept informed. One of the first items will be: how do we provide Flat Ike's to the children? The goal is to get young people involved in the work of the OSC. What happens after the Pilot is over? How do we transition from Pilot to Town-wide project? These are questions that Katherine and Sharon can pose and get answers for at the meetings. All were in favor of Katherine and Sharon being our liaisons and having authority to speak for the OSC.

Next meeting: December 14th

Respectfully Submitted
Beverly Bernard, Nov. 10, 2011