

Town of Conway Open Space Committee Agenda

Thursday, June 8, 2023 6 PM Town Hall

In attendance: Janet Chayes, Michele Turre, Aimee Anderson, Mac McCoy, Renee Ciulla

Meeting began at 6:07, welcoming Renee

1 Approve March 2, 2023 minutes

Janet moved, and all approved.

2 Interpretive Sign Project - South River Meadow (11 acres)

Janet proposed hiring an experienced nature/science writer for drafting sign text. The CPA allocation for the whole project was \$4,000, plus there is \$40,000 in the small cities grant to supplement if needed.

Michele suggested we inquire w/ the trails committee about who they have used for signage that is already being put up at the grammar school trail.

Local writers could be consulted.

Renee will inquire with MA Audubon; The Trustees.

Michele moved to authorize up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of the writing. The committee approved.

3 Bigelow Meadow

The deed notes that it is under Conservation Commission Jurisdiction. Janet spoke with the ConComm in May to update them on past OSC activities and alert them to the existence of the deed. The Con Comm issued a statement of understanding of the deed to reiterate their responsibility for oversight to maintain the conservation restriction.

Mac suggested that the OSC should simply report to the Con Comm its intentions for approval as needed.

Janet noted that the next step in Meadow Renovation Planning would be to organize a meeting with the neighbors. Mac suggested someone from Con Comm be asked to attend along with at least one OSC member.

Michele agreed to attend the next Con Comm meeting (June 13?) to ask for a representative to join someone from OSC in a meeting with neighbors and natural landscape expert, Owen Wormser, who has volunteered to manage the renovation of the meadow. Mac volunteered to be at least one of the OSC members to a meeting with the neighbors, and to help coordinate a meeting within the next month.

4 Ongoing Projects

1. Nature Hike

Renee volunteered to contact Audubon for an expert to lead a hike on the Audubon property to take in the beaver pond, the meadow, swamp, adjacent woods, etc. Proposed for Sunday, Sept. 10.

Pollinator Plans & Activities

Franklin County Regional Pollinator Plan Check-In Workshop

Tuesday, June 27th, 2 – 3.30 p.m. via Zoom

Residents of other towns welcome to attend

Register here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEceqvrDktH9F16q6Y7kCbZPwTbnAK1srn>