**Minutes of Town of Conway Open Space Committee (OSC) Meeting**

**Agenda Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024   6 PM**Town OFFICE

Members In Attendance: Janet Chayes, Mac McCoy, Julia Washburn, Michele Turre

Meeting called to order and began at 6:35

**1.  Approve Sept. 3 minutes**

**2.  Bigelow Meadow**

One of the abutters recently asked if the meadow will be mowed in the fall. The OSC agreed that this is a good opportunity to a letter in response to all abutters to explain the plan going forward. Janet asked other members to attend the next Select Board meeting to provide that update.

Janet noted that funds the Small Cities Grant could be further used for management of Bigelow Meadow. The Town Administrator and Town Accountant are checking to make sure those funds can be available going forward, although use of these funds were previously granted.

A member of an OSC family discussed their experience and technique with safely doing a controlled burning of a field that is twice the area of Bigelow. It’s done very early, just after the snow has melted, and generally takes 3 hours or less including prep and burn.

Mowing can be done to create assorted fire break perimeters.

Misting days are helpful to minimize smoke.

The fire department would be present.

**3.  Festival of the Hills recap**

The display was successful and we plan to participate again.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for 15 at 6pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12pm