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

**Wednesday, June 18, 2024     6 PM Town Hall**

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

Meeting called to order and began at 6:00.

**1.  Approve May 22 minutes** – So moved.

**2.  Bigelow Meadow**

     Michele presented the new meadow sign. Decisions were made about posting the sign, including the need for a second post. Saturday June 29 at 9am was tentatively selected as a date to mount the sign, with neighbors invited. Janet will invite the neighbors and Mac will contact Owen.

Re-petitioning the Select Board for a controlled burn in the early spring of 2025 was discussed.

**3.  So. River Meadow**

     Interpretative Signage Project: Julia is investigating the construction of locust sign mounting and printing. The text and design is still in process.

     Invasive Plant Management: Members reviewed the success of the recent garlic pull event. Next up, Bay State Forestry has been requested to return in September to treat the resurgent knotweed, honeysuckle, multi-flora rose, bittersweet and perhaps others. The last visit, 2 years ago, took about 2 hours.

An effort to assist neighbors in controlling knotweed and related invasives is being re-instated, with Bay State or possibly other firms to implement treatment.

**4.  Updates/Continuing Issues**

      a) Invasive Stiltgrass Control: Michele reviewed that the best season to pull or weed wack prior to seeding is August and September. She is looking for someone to take over the effort to keep it under control. The main area in focus is Cricket Hill Road. Janet has a potential recruit for part time hours.

Members agreed to alert the Festival of the Hills that the committee will man a table in Town Hall during the coming October event. Invasives and committee projects will be featured.

      b) Nature Walk: Destination and date to be determined at next meeting.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, at 6pm** (subsequently set for Tues. June 9).

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm