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

**Agenda Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024   6 PM**Town OFFICE

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

Prior to meeting, Robin Yerkes from the Age Friendly Conway Committee updated the gathering members regarding their opportunity to place a new bench with arms somewhere in the town for seniors to use. it could potentially go to the S. River Meadow although it was noted that it’s a steep and challenging walk down to the meadow, so it is unlikely.

Meeting called to order and began at 6:25.

**1.  Approve July 9 minutes -** Approved

**2.  Nature Walk**

Previously a date was selected for Saturday, October 19, 10am. However, walk leaders had not been identified and as the August meeting was postponed the group decided there is not enough time to organize. The group decided to postpone the walk until spring, 2025, to allow enough time.

**3.  Bigelow Meadow**

Discussion focused on how to best deal w/ encroaching bittersweet and other invasives. It was decided to ask Owen Wormser to attend the next (October) meeting to advise about burning to beat them back. It was thought that Owen may be able to also identify resources at UMass.

**4.  So. River Meadow Signage**

Janet and Julia have been working on signage themes and text. Janet asked Jim Richardson about building sign rustic frames out of locust, as well as to provide the posts, and he agreed. Julia has a friend who would volunteer do the graphic layout. Janet and Julie will continue to work on text.

**5.  So. River Meadow Path and Plank**

Julia volunteered her husband to join Mac to fix 2 planks into place over a wet area on the path.

**6.  Updates/Continuing Issues**

      a) Budget

 General use of funds were discussed.

      b) Festival of the Hills

 Members will pre-set Saturday and man the table in town hall during the prime times Sunday

 Janet will gather existing presentation boards from Michele’s garage.

 Samples of invasives might be brought as examples.

      c) Invasive Plant Control Projects

   OSC pays for the Conservation Commission to advertise the Requests for Determination (RDA) in the Recorder $103.85.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12pm