

Minutes from the Owls Head Conservation Commission meeting held on 11/07/2016.

Members Present: Kathryn DerMarderosian, Deena Carafelli, Dick Matlack, Jim Devery, Beth Long and Jeanne Johnson. Annette Naegel and Catherine Wiejaczka were also present. The meeting was held at the Owls Head Village Library and began at 6:00 p.m. Minutes from the October meeting were accepted.

Sign: The Select Board did approve up to \$300 for the placement of the sign. The group commented about adding a picture of an owl to the sign. Kathryn will follow up with Bill Leppenan.

Trail Creation: Bill, Beth and Jim started clearing from the water's edge on the first official workday at the property. There is a very large tree in the way that is in need of removal. Trail is now opened up from the road to the water although it is very rough. Bill and Beth did a little extra work out at the property. Beth contacted Trekkers a few times, but scheduling and group numbers didn't coincide with our needs. Now that it is officially hunting season, there is limited opportunity to work out at the site. Annette suggested that we work to coordinate a date in the spring for Trekkers to help on a work party. The group felt that it would be beneficial to have smaller groups rather than twenty volunteers. Kathryn also has a list of volunteers that expressed interest in helping to work on trail development. Beth suggested that we can mark the trail with tin can lids and asked people to save them.

Grant: There is no update yet from the Fields Pond Foundation. Annette feels certain that she will hear something before the end of the year.

Fire Pond – We had a short discussion about the guard rail and whether there could be some State funding for beautification for either hedges or stone walls. Beth will give Deena the contact information for the State Road Commissioner.

Jim and Beth updated the group on the town project of identifying town-owned property.

Kathryn talked briefly about looking at the mission statements of other conservation commission groups. She asked members to “brain storm” about potential speakers for a lecture series over the winter.

Jeanne brought up the donation of bulbs from the Owls Head Garden Club. Hopefully there will be enough time before the freeze to get the sign and the bulbs in the ground.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th, 2016 at the Owls Head Village Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Johnson
Secretary