

Otisfield Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Present – Pixie Williams, Lee Dassler, Bob Blake, Susan Feller: OCC

No set agenda – open forum for discussion of conservation topics.

- 1) Minutes – Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed, corrections noted for the secretary, and approved. The corrections needed are;
 2. c. – make change from “winter of 2013” to “winter of 2013-2014.
 4. – Make change from Twin Bridge Forest” to Twin Bridges Forest”

2) Camp Arcadia’s Centennial

Arcadia sent invitations to OCC members for the July 15th festivities for community friends. Pixie and Susan definitely plan to attend.

Susan sent a letter to the Otisfield Selectmen requesting they formally recognize Arcadia’s service for the past 100 years. No response so far.

3) Coon Swamp

Pixie spoke about the life cycle of a beaver pond, and the fact that Coon Swamp may be in decline of the cycle.

Pixie spoke with Lloyd Grover about the attempts to repair the beaver dam with sand bags, and the complexity of state regulations regarding dams.

4) Lee-Crooked River

Lepage vetoed the bill passed to release Land for Maine’s Future funds- told it will be 3 years before any funds become available.

Seller of Twin Bridges property will extend WFLT an 18 month note to provide funds to close on the property purchase this week.

Audubon has come out with a book on forestry practices to support birds’ lifecycles. Maine has the highest concentration and variety of birds of all states.

Crooked River- Lee reported on a meeting she attended to have fish passage repairs done, as at Bolster’s Mills Dam. Grants are available for towns to do repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm. July meeting canceled. Next meeting Wed. 8/26.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Feller, Co