

Otisfield Conservation Committee Minutes
July 27, 2016

Members present: Lee Dassler, Bob Blake, Maureen Mooney-Howard and Susan Feller
Members absent: Kristin Roy

Minutes: no minutes from the May 2016 meeting were available for review.

Old Business:

OCC members have voted to change the meeting schedule due to conflicts with personal work and community commitments. We now will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month, every other month. Maureen said that Anne notified her that there were no meeting conflicts with this change.

Susan's term expired in June, 2016. Due to work schedule changes, she will resign from the OCC. She will continue to support the OCC whenever needed.

New Business:

Heniger Park trails: Maureen reported that ATVs are using the trails and creating erosion. She spoke with Rick Micklon (BOS) and expressed her disagreement with allowing ATVs to use these trails due to the narrowness of the trails and the damage they are doing.

Lee reported that the Turners have found a buyer for the Cape. Sand Island will remain part of the parcel with the house and yard. There are loons nesting on the island and people are creating damage to nesting sites from boat wakes due to speeding.

Maine Audubon has a website with posters that can be printed about loon safety. Lee feels that we could post these in local stores and the town office.

Lee reported that the Natural Resources Council of Maine has started a citizen science program. There is a Maine website for invasive species and maps tracking them. Norway has received an Emerald Ash Borer Grant – the beetle has now been found on the NH.ME border, moving east.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Feller, Chairperson