

OCC Meeting Minutes September 28, 2016

Members present: Kristin Roy, Lee Dassler and Maureen Mooney-Howard

Meeting called to order 7:40

Motion to accept July 27, 2016 and May 13, 2016 meeting minutes, minutes approved

Old Business:

The Committee again discussed our problem of low numbers as we are now down to three members. Maureen asked Lee and Kristin to explain the history of "Friends of the OCC". In the past Otisfield summer people have attended our meetings as they were interested in our conservation efforts. They were not allowed to vote. Lee expressed that Mary Grace Barber (a former "Friend") may be willing to join us again when she returns next summer. Lee will contact her.

New Business:

Since Susan Feller's term has expired and she has chosen to not renew her membership on OCC, a motion was made to elect Maureen as our Chair. The motion was seconded and accepted. A motion was made to reelect Kristin as secretary. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Maureen would like to address recycling in Otisfield. She would like to offer our Committee's help to the Selectmen in researching recycling options. In October there is a town public hearing on dissolving our involvement with the Oxford County Regional Recycling Corporation. (This Corporation has expressed to each of its member towns that they plan to dissolve on July 1, 2017). Maureen has done a little research on single sort and would like to see our town go to a single sort system. Single sort makes it easier for people to recycle as they do not have to presort and most types of plastics would be recyclable. Motion was made to speak with the selectmen on this issue. The OCC would be willing to contact the CEO of Eco Maine to come and speak to the town about single sort recycling. We would also be willing as a committee to organize a public forum to address recycling in town. - Motion passed

Lee, representing the Western Foothills Land Trust, stated that there may be complications with the Green Lot (252 acre parcel on the Crooked River in Otisfield). The Fog Lot is still being reviewed and there may be complications with the right of way to this lot.

Twin Bridges will not be harvested this winter. The bridge and fish passage has not been done due to problems with the contractor.

Motion to adjourn 8:46 p.m. and accepted. Next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2016 at 7 p.m.