

Otisfield Conservation Committee
Meeting minutes – Wednesday, August 26, 2015 – 7pm.

Call to order: 7:15pm

Members present: Lee Dassler, Susan Feller, Kristin Roy.

Members not present: Pixie Williams, Bob Blake.

Welcome: Otis Brown, OCC Friend

1. Susan:

Camp Arcadia- Pixie and Susan attended camp Arcadia open house, the event was lovely.

2. Motion to accept the minutes. Minutes accepted.

3. Susan:

Pixie will not be able to attend today's meeting. She will be leaving us at the end of the month. She will be sorely missed.

4. Lee:

A) DEP Grant for fish passage improvements for twin bridges tributary from little pond was accepted and awarded \$25,600. Improvements will go in in September. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife have determined the water is cold enough to support salmon and trout, the fish are present and waiting to get upstream.

B) A Pool of partners (two towns, two land trusts, Nature Conservancy, and maybe Inland Fisheries and Wildlife?) need to address the Bolsters Mills rock ramp. Trout-unlimited has this site as needing to be reworked to allow fish to migrate in the fall.

C) Lee will address issues identified by Casco bay estuary project in 2012, fish passage barriers.

D) Looking for farm land in Otisfield for farm easement possibilities. Farms need to have infrastructure and be at least 45 acres.

5. Susan:

A) Pixie went to a meeting for Saturday Pond, there are still issues with the dam. Discussion about leaches and where they are found in our ponds (in the muck).

B) Joint meeting for Coon Rd Swamp is going forward in October.

C) Two Ponds Nature Area is being used by walkers and boaters. The water is very low on Moose Pond, the beavers may have moved on.

6. Otis:

Took a picture of a mountain lion foot print. The State and the Fed both claim the eastern cougar is extinct and what people are seeing is the western cougar.

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Meeting adjourned 8:12pm
Submitted by Kristin Roy