



Town of Otisfield

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Otisfield Conservation Committee Minutes 5/22/18

Members present: Lee Dassler, Maureen Mooney-Howard; absent: Marc Coriveau and Kristin Roy

Meeting called to order at 7:15

We did not have a quorum - 3/27/18 minutes not approved.

Old Business:

ecomaine:

- Katrina Venhuizen, educator from *ecomaine*, presented a program to K-6 students at the Otisfield Community School. Marc and I attended and the kids were very engaged. The time allowed for the presentation was not as much as Katrina would have like and seemed rushed. I wonder if we/ she should do one presentation just to the older kids next time instead of trying to do two presentations for all the students. Just a thought.

Twin Bridges Trails update:

- Land for Maine's Future Grant has come thorough – finally. Work on trails and kiosk will begin this summer. Lee is looking for input on trail names. She would like to name them after noted Otisfield residents.

Fogg Lot:

- An additional 55 – 60 acre lot is being considered to be added to the Fogg Lot.

Heniger Park Trails update:

- All trails have been marked with different colors. New additional signage is needed. Also new maps are needed as the colors of the trails have been changed.

Town Office Conservation Committee space:

- Maureen has asked Hal and Rick for a designated space in the town office so that our maps, brochures and info can be easily displayed.

New Business:

- Vernal Pool presentation – Scott Lindsay of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife did a presentation for our 6th graders on May 15th. We then traveled by bus to Two Ponds Preserve and the vernal pool was loaded with tadpole and salamander eggs. Great hands on science lesson for our students. We should definitely schedule this activity each year. I had bought them a poster (MDIFW – *Vernal Pools Alive!*) and a couple of books ahead of the presentation – *The Secret Pool* and *Maine Amphibians and Reptiles*.
- Summer Program – Lee and I discussed the possibility of our Committee doing one or two programs over the summer. We felt that this would make our Committee more visible and

possibly get additional donors for WFLT. Programs discussed were an additional recycling program to include summer camps, summer people and Otisfield residents that were not able to make *ecomaine's* presentation in December, 2018. We could also sponsor walks at Two Ponds, Heniger and Twin Bridges to make more people aware of these trails.

Other Business:

- None presented

The meeting was adjourned 8:10 p.m. Next meeting is July 24, 2018