



## Town of Otisfield

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### **Otisfield Conservation Committee Minutes 05/30/17**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Motion made to accept March 28, 2017 minutes; minutes approved.

#### Old Business:

##### Greeley Brook Clean-Up:

- The Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at the Brook at 9:00.
- TLEA is partnering with us and have advertised the event to its members and expect some of them will be there to help out.
- Otisfield Free Baptist Church is putting on a lunch for us at noon.
- The very large chair, computer and rug have been removed from the Brook thanks to Richard Bean Sr. and his backhoe. Also thanks to Jim Howard and Dan Fogg.
- Maureen has talked to staff at Otisfield, Casco and Oxford Transfer Stations and let them know about the clean-up. They have all been very supportive and we will not be charged for trash, tires, etc.
- Both the Oxford and Otisfield land owners on each side of the Brook have been notified and plan to help out.
- Otisfield has supplied bottled water and contractor trash bags for us to use.
- The article submitted announcing our Clean-Up was in the Advertiser Democrat on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

##### Two Ponds and Heniker Park Trails:

- Dan Peaco removed the appliance that someone had dumped in the Two Ponds parking lot.
- Hopefully, Zizi Vlaun of Moose Pond Arts will be designing the logo for the Heniker Park Trail brochure. An image of the "Sylvester Haunted Pine" might be a fun logo. Zizi has the map of Heniker in her computer and she also did the brochure for Two Ponds.

##### Twin Bridges Trails:

- Lee has received a grant for a kiosk, gate and sign. Trail work will be done by volunteers.

##### Conferences:

- The Maine Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting was held in Brunswick on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Maureen attended and felt that the speaker was disappointing but was happy to learn about the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA). This is a small group in Brunswick that is part of the National Park Service. They provide technical assistance to protect natural areas and create recreation opportunities. Lee (WFLT) has received assistance from them for the Roberts Farm Trails in Norway.

- Lee and Maureen attended the Androscoggin River Watershed Council Conference in Bethel on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Lee appreciated the information on climate change and the 2016 drought. The Conference also provided good information on river stewardship.

New Business:

- The Committee discussed having an information table at the Otisfield Town Meeting in June. This is something the Committee has done in the past. We decided that, if possible, we would like to do this.
- Otisfield Community Summer Celebration – the Committee decided not to have an information table at this event as none of our members are available on that day.

The meeting was adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is July 25<sup>th</sup>