



Town of Otisfield

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Otisfield Conservation Committee Minutes 9/24/19

Members present: Lee Dassler, Maureen Mooney-Howard, Kristin Roy. Members absent: Marc Coriveau, Laurie Phillips

Meeting called to order at 7:10

Motion made to accept minutes of June 25, 2019; minutes approved.

Old Business:

Welcome to our new member – Laurie Phillips.

- Laurie was not able to attend our meeting as she had Yoga training out of state.

Twin Bridges Trails update:

- Lee and WFLT volunteers are discussing what to do to stop the ATVs from entering their trails.

Scribner parcel update:

- WFLT has applied for grant money to purchase parcel from MNRCP (Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program). The Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program (MNRCP) awards competitive grants to projects that restore and protect high priority aquatic resources throughout Maine. MNRCP is administered by The Nature Conservancy on behalf of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- A new bridge at Russell Brook in Harrison (Crooked River Watershed), funded by NRCS, has been completed and fish are now able to once again swim freely.
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LEA's Woodland Owner's Appreciation Day:

- Will be held on September 28th, 12 – 4, in Bridgton.

New Business:

- Chadbourne lands:
There are 17,000 acres coming on the market in Bethel, Waterford and Oxford area. WFLT will probably not put in a bid for the land.
- Discussion about 2020 possible OCC projects:
 1. We decided that we would like to do the Town Clean-Up again in the spring. This year's Clean-Up was May 4th.
 2. We decided to try again to coordinate the Vernal Pool program with the Otisfield Community School 6th graders and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Maureen has received the School District's new policy on field trips regarding students near a body of water. It really does not appear to prohibit students near or in a vernal pool. Maureen has also spoken to Patrick Hartnett, Assistant Superintendent, about this project and he does not see a problem with this field

trip.

3. Maureen met Marygrace Barber recently and asked if she would be willing to do a program(s) through our Committee. Marygrace is a graduate of the Maine Master Naturalist Program.

Other Business:

- There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned 8:00 p.m. Next meeting is November 19, 2019