



## Town of Otisfield

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### Otisfield Conservation Committee Minutes 11/19/19

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

Members absent: Kristin Roy

Meeting called to order at 7:10

Motion made to accept minutes (with corrections) of September 24, 2019; minutes approved with corrections and additions.

#### Old Business:

Welcome to our new member – Laurie Phillips.

Twin Bridges Trails update:

- Lee and WFLT volunteers will be putting up poles and a chain across a southern trail entrance to discourage ATVs from entering their trails and doing damage. There are still a couple of trail signs to be installed and they may have a work day this Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>. Marc will help if he is available.

Scribner parcel update:

- WFLT expects to close on this parcel in 2020. It is 42% wetlands in the Crooked River water shed.

Email response from Marygrace Barber, graduate of Maine Master Naturalist Program.

- Maureen read the response email from Marygrace. She is willing to provide informational walks about wildflowers, trees, ferns, birds, etc. Maureen will meet with her between Christmas and New Year's to discuss further ideas.

Two Ponds update:

- The bridge over the stream has never been built so Maureen told Hal that she and Jim will build it in the spring.

#### New Business:

- Information/ poster about what holiday materials cannot be recycled :  
Maureen plans to make a poster for the transfer station and town office about what holiday materials cannot be recycled. These are tissue, foil and plastic wrapping paper, bows and ribbons. Lee suggested that Maureen contact the Advertiser Democrat and see if they will do a story so that people don't buy these materials in the first place.

#### Other Business:

- Lee let us know that WFLT has recently hired 1 ½ new staff. Kelli Shedd is a membership and development assistant and Hadley Couraud is a Conservation Coordinator shared with Sebago Clean Waters (SCW). Hadley recently worked at The Nature Conservancy and was one of two presenters that came to an Otisfield Selectmen's meeting to talk about the state of our town's culverts.
- Dark Sky discussion – Lee asked if the Committee would be interested in investigating how many spot lights our town has and if we could advocate for

different fixtures more friendly to stars and insects. The Committee agreed that this would be a worthwhile project.

The meeting was adjourned 8:00 p.m. Next meeting is January 28, 2020