

OSC Meeting 8/22/16

David called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

Members present Linda Herrera, David Schochet, John Wheeler, Jim Perry, and Joel Dwight

The June 2016 minutes were reviewed and accepted

David will see some folks about pursuing the village tree project with them. We then talked about diminishing OSC membership. David told us that Tom Miner has not re-upped on the Conservation Commission so he will no longer be our member from that board. We have also lost Cynthia Boettner who was a tremendous asset. David will contact Norm Davenport about who the Conservation Commission will appoint as their liaison.

We are going to work on the map library. Joel will contact Rita about bringing the maps up to speed.

Jim is interested in working on the wooded loop trail. Jim feels the wooded loop trail is in need of maintenance. He has found there are numerous downed trees and limbs blocking the trail and parts of the trail are in need of mowing. The trail also needs a trail sign facing oncoming traffic in both directions. Jim would be willing to make and install a routed wood trail sign along the road facing oncoming traffic if the owner would approve of that. He would also be willing to cut out the fallen trees but is unable to cut the grass along the trail. David will call John Payne and get back to Jim about his ideas for trail maintenance and improvement.

Linda brought up the recent bicycling event and John said there were about 1,400 people riding to raise funds for the Franklin Land Trust. John then told us about Tim Smith's opening of his new farm stand.

We then talked about the Mohican-Mohawk Trail break that extends from the Bardwell Ferry Rail Bridge to Wilcox Hollow.

Linda will be attempting to recruit a new member. Joel will lend support. Joel suggested we speak with Norm about possible recruits. Linda will speak to Norm and Joann Giguere. John said Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm the Ag Commission is once again having their Shelburne Harvest Dinner at Fellowship Hall and that might be a good opportunity for recruiting new members.

We then talked about the High Ledges and the land from Francis Barnard's farm being bought by Audubon. We also discussed the signs we have that are related to the trails going to and from the tower.

John reported for the Planning Board that they are thinking of such things as changing the setback laws in the village. Their next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> and they will be doing walk around the village starting at 3pm and anyone can come along. They will be starting in front of Memorial Hall. Linda is going along to look at the trees. They are also going to be reviewing housing/parking needs in the area.

Next meeting 9/26/26

Meeting adjourned 8:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,