

Open Space Committee Meeting
June 25, 2018

Members present: David Schochet, Larry Flaccus, Norm Beebe, Jim Perry, John Wheeler, and Linda Herrera

Guest: Laurie Wheeler

- David called to order 7:10 pm
- Linda appointed secretary pro term
- May and June 4th notes approved (both meetings w/o quorum)

-Business from earlier months:

- 250th Celebration –OSC had an informational table, positive responses from town folks
- Tree walk brochures – available in Libraries, Visitor Center, Town Clerk Office and Historical Society
- Tree walk interests-signage for additional trees in town, could be added in future, if \$ for new printing, signs and volunteers become available
- Tree walk-related question remains: who and how are town trees marked for “take downs”? Norm will ask Jimmy Richardson

-Ongoing Business:

- Wooded Loop Hiking Trail- David, Jim and Norm will walk it before next meeting. Mr. Payne has purchased additional land in that area. OSC is looking to extend the walking Trail to Shelburne Summit.
- Helen Payne Watt (John’s daughter) is taking on the role of Payne family land manager and should be contacted with all and any questions, ideas,etc., regarding potential trail projects, and included on any communications regarding the family’s land.

River Walk- Franklin Land Trust still awaiting results of a grant application that hopefully will cover a feasibility contract. September should have an answer.

Woodland Partnership: Bill did pass the House of Representatives as part of “Environmental Bond Bill” and is being sent to the Senate.

-Planning Board: Back Lot Developments is their current topic

-Agriculture Committee: Harvest Supper Plans September 29th

For next meeting! Find out..... how land that is up for sale leaves Chapter 61 and who notifies OSC? John Wheeler can name 3 parcels that recently changed owners, were any in Chapter 61?

-Next Meeting: July 23