

Northfield Open Space Committee

February 2, 2023 – Zoom

Present: Julia Blyth, Matt Diluzio, Joanne McGee, Sue Space

Absent: Robin Conley

1. The minutes of Dec. 8, 2022, were accepted. Sue/Matt 4-0
2. Citizen Stewardship Award: Julia nominated, and Joanne seconded the awarding of the Citizen Stewardship Award to Cooper Bullock, a senior at Pioneer Valley Regional High School. Cooper has been instrumental in developing plans to renew and increase the trails around the high school. As Senior Class President, he has encouraged students to volunteer at several work weekends. Julia designated Robin as OIC (Officer in Charge) of the award to include notifying Cooper, arranging for etching of plaque, organizing a presentation with the selectboard, and issuing a press release.
3. 350th: Julia reviewed wording of kiosk brochures and maps with the Historical Commission. She is waiting on a quote from Lotus Graphics. Joanne will pick up publications. Joanne has contacted a professor from the Archeology Dept at UMASS about a survey of the Calvin Swan property.
4. Annual report: Sue Space will write a draft of the annual report for the town report. Joanne will give her minutes from 2022.
5. Election of chair: Matt agreed to be chair. Julia will send him requirements for posting etc. Joanne will continue as secretary.
6. Member comments: Sue noticed that the Conway Open Space Committee is doing a study to identify soils and best spots for conservation. Joanne mentioned the Open Space Conference which started Feb 2 and will continue for three more February Thursdays at noon. Matt will be planning a February hike.
7. The next meeting is planned for Thursday, March 16, but there may be a conflict with Community Preservation Committee. Sue will email Lara Dubin.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee

Joanne McGee, Secretary

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