

**Town of Conway**  
**Open Space Committee**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020 -- MINUTES**

**7:30 p.m. Zoom** -- Meeting came to order at 7:45 p.m. In attendance were Janet Chayes, chair, Michele Turre, Andrew Levchuck, Mac McCoy, Jack Farrell (note-taker).

**1 Approve June. 11, 2020 minutes** -- approved. Minutes will be forwarded to assistant town administrator to be put on the town's website. Mac will talk with the town administrator about the general process for getting our minutes online into the committee's own page, which we'd like to be able to do on our own.

Jack will send several months of past minutes to the assistant town administrator.

**2 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update** -- The Franklin Regional Council of Governments would take the lead in updating the plan but needs our committee's help to facilitate their work, specifically with convening public meetings and getting input from residents and serving as liaison to other committees. Andy will serve as the liaison/convenor with FRCOG.

**3 Signs for South River Meadow** -- Interpretative & nature signs (funds approved at Town Meeting). FRCOG is helping and will make a template for the committee to consider. There will be an emphasis on using local wood and contractors.

**4 Invasive Plants**

Stiltgrass – ongoing. Michele has been working with other volunteers on this throughout the summer.

Japanese knotweed, etc. control efforts along the South River – We are seeking Conservation Commission approval for this work. Michele and Janet have been working hard on this application. The committee approved using operating funds for fees related to invasive species application of herbicides.

**5 South River Meadow**

New plantings such as milkweed, etc., to attract pollinators are needed. We need a volunteer to get this effort rolling.

Potential barn swallows in barn at Meadow.

Birdhouse maintenance -- The bluebird houses need new posts, metal or wood. Mac will take a look at the possibilities for replacement.

**6 Potential for New Trails Committee** -- possible recruitment through Town Forest Management meeting on Aug. 26?

**7 Schedule next meeting** -- as needed.

**8 Old business/ info updates**

Town Forest Management Plan – rescheduled now for Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

