Open Space Committee Minutes 5/13/26

Present: Paul Gaudette, Allie Wood, Jeanine O'Brien, Anne Cogger, Erin Dent, Ken Oelberger

1) Agenda: Approved
2) Minutes: Approved
3) Chair's Remarks: none
4) Youth survey update: 4th, 7th & 8th grade responses were reviewed. Per Anne, the students were serious about answering the questions. Creating a report for the school newsletter would show the students that their responses were heard.
5) Survey distribution: Surveys and collection boxes are located at both post offices, General Store, CDC, Town Office and JM Library. The Monhegan Boat Line has space for one of the posters, as well.

The 5/2/26 Trash pickup day was quite rainy, and 1 paper survey and perhaps 2 QR papers were given out.

Paul and Allie discussed their experiences at the recent Town vote.

To date, 15 paper surveys have been received and 36 have been completed online.

Surveys could be presented at the upcoming Senior Luncheon 6/10

It was noted that the 5/11 Town Meeting was a missed opportunity to present surveys; Ken felt the people at the TM may also have voted the day before so perhaps not many people would have been missed.

Upcoming distribution dates- 5/7 Robinson Homestead (Allie)
5/23 Plant Sale (Anne and Allie)
5/25 Memorial Day Parade (Anne)
6/9 State Vote (Paul, Allie, Jeanine)
6/10 Sr. Luncheon
6/13 Robinson Homestead
Wiley's Corner Grange

Other dates discussed were the 5/23 Ocean View Grange Antiques Sale
5/14 Blueberry Cove hosting the St. George Business Alliance
5/14 Emerald Ash Borer meeting
5/30 Ft.Point EAB field trip.

Survey results will be discussed in detail and tabulated at the next OSC meeting on 5/27

6) Planning for St. George Days: Paul and Jeanine will be at the Town Office from 10-7, Erin and Allie will cover the Ball field from 11-4.
7) Other Business: The next 2 meetings will be 5/27 and 6/10, and monthly in early July and August.