

## Minutes of Brooksville Friends and Neighbors 10-5-11

Attendance: Doug Cowan, Lola Bogyo, Kathleen Hayward, Jody Spear, Jean Webster, Martha Smith, Peter Smith, Joan MacCracken

1. Bike Trails. Becky Poole wanted to come with a student from BES and discuss the subject of possible bike paths in Brooksville. Neither came to the meeting. We did recall that about five years ago there was some discussion and investigation of a possible map of old trails and roads for cross-country skiing. We all agreed that biking can be dangerous especially on the Varnumville Road with all the curves, but also on 175/176 with all the hills and valleys. Further consideration of bike paths will await someone who wants to lead the project.

2. Doug Cowan raised two issues. One-- notify everyone of the Early Childhood Symposium being held in Castine on Oct 15th from 9:30 to 1:30. Steve Rowe will speak and Jon Wilson will run discussion sessions. Two--to mention the Schoodic Sculpture Symposium and the possibility that Brooksville might want to apply for an artist and a sculpture. Several people had visited the Schoodic site and seen other pieces of sculpture for some towns. Again it will take someone to have the initiative to promote the idea within the town. Perhaps some artists in town want to get involved. Economic times make fundraising a problem though Doug felt there are folks who want to see the granite sculpture happen.

3. Jody Spear wondered if anyone was going to raise the issue of aerial spraying of blueberries again. Lengthy discussion followed including the divisive atmosphere that unfortunately occurred last summer with the petitions on blueberry spraying and cell phone towers. It was felt that the organic growers in Brooksville would need to get on board and the wording would need to be much more specific, if another petition was to be circulated by interested parties. BFN supports education on health issues.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm Next meeting Nov 2nd 6:30-8:00pm

Submitted by Joan MacCracken