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On January 23rd, 2025, the town of Otisfield held a special town meeting with two items on the warrant. The first was an amendment to the solar ordinance allowing for solar trackers up to 25' in height when oriented at maximum tilt to the vertical. The second was a motion to empower the Board of Selectpersons to purchase an 85-acre forested parcel on Moose Pond as a Community Forest provided funding was provided for due diligence, acquisition, and stewardship by grants and donations. Both measures passed.

Now the work of planning for the community forest begins. How will the forest be managed? What natural resources need to be protected? Should there be recreational trails? Where?

The Otisfield Conservation Committee and the Western Foothills Land Trust will be holding six monthly community forest planning meetings to be facilitated by the Northern Forest Center.

The meetings will be held at the Otisfield Community Center from 6-8pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, March through August, starting March 25th. The remaining meetings will be held on April 22, May 21, June 24, Jul 22, and August 26.

All Otisfield residents are invited to participate in the planning sessions. Attendance at all six sessions is optimal but not required. Pizza, salad and beverages will be served from 6-6:30 before the planning session begins. The Otisfield Community Center is handicapped accessible and is located at 292 State Route 121.