

November 19, 2012

## Minutes of Meeting

<u>Present</u> Bill B. (President), Lars A. (Vice President), Sandy C. (Membership), Jane G. (Treasurer),

Carl C. (VP of Trails), Tyler E.(Landmine), Carold B. (FOW), John K.(FOW)

Number Present: 8

Meeting Convened At 7:05

### VP Report (Lars)

Lars reported on the last trail care day. Several trails were stabilized and stone was placed in front of some bridges. Bill mentioned NEMBA is interested in placing a shed similar to ours at Pittsfield State Forest and asked how we went about having ours placed in Wompatuck. Bill said it was due to the relationship we have with the park. We will offer help to them if they need it.

### **Secretary's Report**

With Pam absent a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as is. The vote was unanimous to accept.

#### Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that the two invoices from Root 66 for Landmine 2011 and 2012 had arrived and been paid. The new total raised in 2011 is \$8,325.83 and for 2012 is \$9,732.62. The amount in the treasury is \$24,450.89. There are still three uncashed checks from Landmine 2012.

# **Membership Report (Sandy)**

Sandy reported there are 125 entries for membership (singles and families) A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The vote was unanimous to accept. There was then a discussion as to changing the renewal date for membership.

It was decided that all memberships beginning this December 31, 2012 will be up for renewal January 1, 2013 and will renew on January 1<sup>st</sup> from now on. Current members will receive a grace period of one year (2013) because there are so many different current renewal dates. Any new members joining FOW in 2013 or future years will also get the following year at no charge. This is being done so everyone will get a full year of membership for their dues. It was decided it was more important to get and retain members than to make the extra money.

In 2014 a notice will be send in January for renewal, next a reminder letter, another reminder just before April 1<sup>st</sup> and a letter after April 1<sup>st</sup> that membership has lapsed. A notice will go out in December explaining this change.

## Park Projects (Bill)

Bill mentioned that Steve Gammon said Americorp will be back again this summer and Steve is looking for ideas for new projects that FOW would like to propose for the returning group to undertake. Suggestions were:

- 1 NW5 bridge near fence line
- 2 Open up South Field and run a new drain
- 3 Trail hardening
- 4 Ames Nowell bridge
- 5 Massasoit bridge

Also discussed were projects for FOW for 2013. Suggestions were:

- 1 Recovering some of the decking on bridges
- 2 Buying more stone dust and stone
- 3 School bus project
- 4 Front entrance
- 5 Repair potholes
- 6 Vertical banners at entrance
- 7 Sign for campground
- 8 Work on kiosks

There will be no December meeting.

The next meeting will be the fourth Monday in January because of Martin Luther King Day. The meeting date is now Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Submitted by Jane G.