

Friends of Wompatuck Meeting

November 15, 2021

Minutes

Attendees:

Vicki Schow-President

Bill Boles-Secretary

Doug Luoma-Treasurer

Sandy Cole-Membership Chair

Tim Friedmann-Trails Chair

Peter Williams, Mark Schow, Charlie Smith, Paula Donnrrly, Clarene DiBona, Wayne Strohm, Keith Pyle, Steve Gammon

Meeting Called to Order. 7:03pm

1. Secretary Report- Motion: To accept the August. Secretary's report with one revision. **Unanimous**

2. Treasurer's Report

Doug reviewed the October figures as posted in the meeting announcement. **Motion:** To accept. **Unanimous**

3. Membership Report

Sandy reports that our membership has grown to 309 households. LaST YEAR IN October we had 261.

4. Trails

Peter noted that the park is a mess after the two recent storms. Many deadfalls. A discussion followed as to how best report them to park staff. The [FoW Facebook page](#) and the [TrailCare App](#) were mentioned. What is DCR's volunteer chainsaw policy?

5. Wompatuck Half Marathon

Charlie reviewed his proposal for a fall 2022 Half Marathon fundraising event to benefit Dana Farber and the Jimmy Fund. This initial effort would be limited to 200 participants. A long discussion followed with many suggestions made. Charlie was encouraged to apply for a permit now so as to get on the calendar for 2022.

6. Grove Street Entrance

Doug, Steve, and Peter report that this is still in the works. The bridge location is currently under water.

6. Wompy Warriors

Wompy Warriors has 42 prospective new members and up to 50 returning kids. Mark and Vicki noted that there was a lengthy re-organization meeting of the sanctioning body, now to be called [New England Youth Cycling](#). There were some issues with the 2022 charter which are currently being resolved.

7. Elections:

Nominations for officers for 2022 were accepted.

The current slate of officers was re-nominated as well as FoW BOD member Peter Williams whose term expired this year.

President Vicki Schow

V. President Lars Ahlzen

Secretary Bill Boles

Treasurer Doug Luoma

Executive Board: Peter Williams, Ed Martin, Tim Friedmann,

Additional nominations will be accepted at the December meeting when the election will be held.

8. Trail Completion Club

Steve Gammon outlined his plan for the club which we've been discussing at the last few meetings. The basics: Fill out a form to join. No time limit on how long it takes to complete. One would win an award when they have explored the whole park.

A discussion followed. The program will start in 2022. A review of the application and program description will be presented at the December meeting.

9. Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market will return next year. It will be at Wompatuck on Saturdays January – March from 10:00 am – 1:00 PM. FoW is welcome to set up a booth at the market.

9. Mount Blue Spring

The spring has been closed for some time now depriving Wompy's visitors of fresh water. The issue is the failure of the current UV light system that purifies the water. While this would be repaired by a major DCR re-fit, that could take years.

Motion: Spend up to \$2000 to replace the current UV lighting system. **Unanimous**

9. Park & Visitor Center Closing

There is some inconsistency on weekends as to when the VC and the gate close. Signs note that this should be 3:30. But, sometimes it's much earlier than that which is confusing to visitors. This will be discussed with park staff.

9. Upcoming Trail Care Day

There are several bridges in the park that have been storm damaged or in need of repair. FoW has scheduled a Trail Care Day for 12/5/2021. Details for which will be posted on the FoW website and Facebook page. This will be a joint Trail Day with [SEM Mass NEMBA](#).

Meeting Adjourns: 9:02 PM