

Friends of Wompatuck Minutes of Meeting December 16, 2013



Present: Bill Boles (president), Sandy Cole (membership), Jim Rose (FOW historian), Lars Ahlzen (vice president)

Meeting convened at 7:15 PM.

President's Remarks

Attendance was low due to the season and the last minute announcement. Bill Boles welcomed the small crowd, and mentioned that Pam may need to step down as secretary at the next election and therefore asked people to think about who could replace her. Bill thanked everyone involved in the “Friends” for their efforts on behalf of Wompatuck in 2013.

“Gregory” – Jim Rose

As a follow up on the request brought forward at the last meeting for FOW to contribute towards a stone for the dog “Gregory”, Jim Rose – our FOW historian – attended the meeting to explain the circumstances further. Gregory was a patrol dog with owner Fred and the mascot for the local crew at the Annex (i.e. Wompatuck). A commemorative stone would most likely be placed at the dock in Bare Cove Park.

A motion was made to contribute \$200 towards such as stone, and was approved unanimously.

Membership Report – Sandy Cole

Sandy had prepared the membership renewal letter, and said that it was ready to be sent out as soon as the issues regarding payments on the FOW website have been sorted out. Bill mentioned that PayPal had been less than helpful and that Vicki is considering other options.

REI Grant – Bill Boles

Bill had talked to Steve Gammon regarding the REI grant, who suggested creating a scenic overlook somewhere in the park. Possible locations mentioned were the wetland at Doane Street, or by Wildcat Pond. Another project that was mentioned was to update existing interpretive trails and signs in the park.

Because of the small attendance it was decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Park Maps – Lars

Lars mentioned that he is in the process of researching options for printing map posters for kiosks and displays (as approved at the previous meeting). He has also updated the park map with trail changes and other improvements. Lars will discuss all map changes with SteveG at some point.

Bill also reminded us that we are most likely started to run low on the folded park maps, and we do not know whether the DCR will print new maps next year. SteveG was not at the meeting, so we will discuss this situation at the next meeting.

Bike Trail – Bill Boles

As a follow up on the Bike Trail discussion at the last meeting, Bill mentioned that the legislative session was now closed which limits the possibilities of funding the required work. However, he had attended a stewardship meeting and discussed the unfinished bike/pedestrian path with DCR higher-ups. They suggested that a contractor may be engaged to partially remove some buildings for scrap metal and that the remainder might be fenced off.

Dog Rules for Kiosks – Lars

Lars had printed up six slips with brief dog rules for the kiosks. Lars will coordinate this with SteveG.

Next meeting will be on January 20.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Lars Ahlzen (VP).