

## Friends of Wompatuck Minutes 1/23/17

Meeting opens at 7:00

Members and guests present: Vicki Schow, Lars Ahlzen, Doug Luoma, Bill Boles, Sandy Cole, Steve Gammon, Mark Schow, Jane Goldberg, Bill Pedderson, Eric Oddleifson, Brad Sands (DCR), Jenny Sullivan, Jim Casagrande, Wayne Strohm, David Farrell, Pam Johnson, Michael Mullaley

### 1, Officer Reports:

President Report: Vicki opens the meeting and members introduce themselves.

Vice President Report: Lars Ahlzen reports on his new interactive Wompatuck map.

Secretary's Report: Bill Boles - Minutes from our December meeting are accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Luoma - Financial statement was voted on and accepted unanimously.

Membership Chair Report: Sandy Cole reports that we now have 2 new members bringing us up to 173.

### 2, Corporate Outreach / Annual Appeal

Doug and Sandy reported that corporate donations were up to \$3618 while the FoW Annual Appeal has netted \$1338 so far.

2a, There was a presentation By Bill Pedderson from William's Printing. His company can do a banner or sign which could be used at events to honor out sponsors. Vicki and the executive committee will follow up.

3, NEHSCA Wompatuck Team: Jim Casagrande, Vicki Schow and Eric Oddleifson spoke to the creation of a new England High School Cycling Association team based in Hingham to be called the Friends of Wompatuck Warriors.

After much discussion, there Eric Oddleifson made a motion to fund the team to the tune of \$1000. After a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

### 4, Advisory Committee Report:

Vicki led a discussion of the 1/10 meeting of the FoW Advisory committee. The goal of this committee is to better define the duties of Fow's offices as well as update our bylaws.

The discussion focused on the possibility of purchasing QuickBooks software and an inexpensive computer to house it. The non-cloud version was seen to be much less expensive.

After discussion, there was a motion by Michael Mulalley to authorize an expense of less than \$1000 to purchase the software and computer. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Johnson will price this out and report back.

The committee's next meeting will be on 2/7

### 5, Wompatuck Project Updates:

Playground proposal: Steve Gammon reports that he'd met recently with Susan Kane and that the proposal is still in the development stage.

There was a motion made that FoW create a letter stating our preference for the back parking lot at the Visitor's Center as the ideal location. This motion was passed unanimously. Vicki will write that letter.

Pump Track: Mark Schow reported that more work has been done on layout and wondered if burning the piled-up leaves and branches was an option: (It is). A final design for the pump track is in the works.

Question? Will FoW be the sole sponsor of this or should we solicit REI or Bike Barn support. It was decided to do it on our own.

Visitor's Center: No New News

Campground: Steve reported that the electrical work will be put off until fall.

Mt Blue Spring: Steve reported that the DCR still has not funded the necessary improvements. After discussion Michael Mullaley suggests that it's time for us to get political and to involve local State level politicians.

#### 6, Events:

Snowpatuck, 2/12: Dave Farrell reports that things are going well with the exception of there being no snow so far. He mentions that Bike Barn is fronting about \$2400 in merchandise for the event. Jane Goldberg makes a motion for reimbursement if the merchandise doesn't sell. Lars Ahlzen seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

It's noted that the event will be accommodate to skies, snowshoes, and walkers in addition to bikes.

Bill will send out a notice to FoW's email list.

Brad Sands mentions that next year we should apply for a special use permit given the expected size of the event.

FoW Day, 5/20: Pam Johnson is running with this. The event has a motto: "Discover the Treasure in our Back Yards". All the park's major user groups will be invited to set up booths and there may be hikes, rides etc. Steve Gammon's band will play. Sandy Cole will look into advertising the event on the Hingham Pinkboard.

#### 7, Website:

Vicki reports that Damon Telepak from Bike Barn is working on a website re-do. Lars discusses and demonstrates his incredible new interactive map.

#### 8, 2107 Project Ideas:

Brad suggests that Fow purchase 2 more kayaks. Motion made and passed unanimously. Steve suggests that we fund 2 trailside benches on the Heart Healthy Trail. He will look into pricing.

Steve wants to expand the Ice Ladder program. After a discussion, a ladder will be donated.

Walkway: It was suggested that instead of repairing the concrete walkway leading to the front of the Visitors Center that it be blacktopped instead.

Kayak/Canoe/Dog/Bike Wash: It was suggested that to keep Millfoil and other invasive species out of the Aaron Reservoir that a wash station be constructed at either the Visitors Center or at the Campground entrance.

Old Business:

Steve reported that the bypass for the two-way section on the gas line would be easy to do. He will work with Brad and possibly Paul Jahnige (DCR) to get an okay. A proposed path has been flagged.

Wayne Strohm showed off the "Named" planks that he created for three of Wompy's bridges.

PMC Kids Ride: It was noted that this ride may have to move to the Transfer Station. Discussions are in the works

Meeting Adjourns: 9:23 PM.