

Friends of Wompatuck Meeting 1/16/23

Meeting opens 7:00 PM

In attendance: Vicki Schow, Lars Ahlzen, Doug Luoma, Mark Schow, Wayne Strohm, Bill Boles, Steve Cobble, Steve Gammon, Tim Friedmann, Peter Williams, Christine Hadayia Somers, Mark Sommers

1. President Vicki Schow opened the meeting and introductions were made
2. VP Report: Lars reported that the new website was still in the works.
3. Secretary's report: Bill Boles asked for corrections or omissions in the draft minutes from our December. There was one. After the revision, **Motion** to accept **Unanimous**.
4. Treasurer Doug Luoma reviewed his December financial report. **Motion** to accept Doug's reports **Unanimous**.
5. Membership Chair Sandy Cole reported by email that we currently have 318 households in our membership.
6. Trails: Peter Williams reported that the "Dumb & Dumber" notice of intent has been filed.
7. Eagle Scout Project: Mark Somers was present to discuss a possible Eagle Scout project for 2023. It should be noted that Mark starts this effort more than one year prior to his 18th birthday. The earliest FoW has seen yet. After a review of outstanding projects, we will get back to him with some suggestions.
8. Wompy WinterFest: Scheduled as a month-long DIY event with the main event on 2/5. If there's snow, there will be groomed trails. FoW will provide food, till it runs out and SEMass NEMBA is a co-sponsor. Overflow parking will be available if needed.
9. Paul Peaslee Scholarship: After some discussion, **Motion** FoW to fund a minimum of two \$1000 scholarships. **Unanimous**
10. Old Business:
 - The Doane Street gate will be replaced, and some repaving will be done. FoW will follow up with DCR and local State representatives to get this done.
 - Heron Pond's dock ramp needs repair. Volunteers offered to do this over a year ago. FoW will follow up to see what the delay has been.
 - Mt Blue Spring repairs are being permitted by the DCR.

Bunker Doors: We're still awaiting a decision from DCR as to whether they or FoW will do these repairs.

Well Holes: DCR has not yet responded to our offer to cap or fill the 6 existing open wells.

Bunkers: The remaining bunkers which were not compressed by the Feds now have dangerously deteriorating vents. FoW will talk to park staff about making repairs.

Mt. Hope Trail: Still no approval from the DCR to work on this trail.

Duty Calls: Dog waste station has been installed by the town at the Grove Street entrance. FoW could fund one, \$428 & \$20/week for pickup at the Doane Street entrance. But, not in the park unless the DCR undergoes a bidding process to allow a commercial entity to do work in the park. No decision on this.

Trails.Care.Com app. Wayne volunteers to be the contact person for this valuable reporting tool.

11. New Business: Wompatuck Field Trips: FoW will pay transport expenses for local school systems who want to have field trips at Wompatuck. Something we did prior to Covid-19. More discussion of this at our February meeting.

10. Next Meeting 2/20/2023

Meeting Adjourns: 8:44 PM