Friend of North Andover Trails FONAT Meeting Minutes 9/21/16

Attendance: 13

Membership: 3 New Members

Treasury: Steve reported \$14k in our account. Guide book has been a great success!

Glen has ordered another box of brochures

Guidebooks: Stan is invoicing another 15. Sales should pick up in the fall.

Trail Maintenance:

On September 3rd a great deal of maintenance was done on the Shawsheen, it's now in great shape

Tom cut trees @ Cyr Recycle Center

12" Oak tree was cut on the Osgood Hill Trail.

A broken plank will be be replaced on the Osgood Trail

Tree down @ James Swamp, Rob to the rescue! Thanks Rob!

Rob: Friendly reminder out to Trail Monitors. Please check your trails and return reports.

Glen ordered kiosk posters. These will be installed in the next week.

Events:

Boxford State Forest Hike led by Mike was a big success. 10 hikers. 5 FONAT members, 2 Trails and Sails members and 2 neighbors of the forest. This was a longer hike. 4 hours, 7 miles. Forest history and many secrets of the trail revealed.

Rob will lead the Harold Parker walk coming up this weekend (Sept 25th)

Fall Festival Sat Sept 24th, 8:30 setup, Festival hours 10-4. Guides, Balloons

Town Planner Information: Moving forward with the Edgewood Trail. Site Visit Sat morning Oct 1st.

Oct 4th Public Hearing. We can submit a statement in writing. Conservation restrictions and parking to be resolved. This will enable access to Osgood Hill.

Annual Trail Clean up November 12th. 9-12 Bay Circuit Trail (Boxford) needs cleanup. Coordination of DPW and Barrels is needed.

1st Saturday of October Trail Work at French Farm Connector and Mazurenko.

Fall Projects:

Steve Foster presented a blue print for Building a Bridge. October 15th, Bridge Building! Group decided that the boardwalk portion would be 3 planks wide instead of two. (30" total)

Trail Signs Pilot at Mazurenko. This will be a test site. A standard trail sign will be created to ensure well marked trails. Highlight the public trails.

Mike provided an update on the Bay Circuit Re-route 3/4ths complete. Plans for leveling. There is confusion with the re-route. Sign are needed to clearly mark the trail and parking lot. Approval to put signs on trees in the Watkins Way Middleton section.

Attendees: Stan, Rob, Helena, Deb, Jim, Tom, Wayne, Steve F, Steve D, Mike, Jeff, Darlene, Glen