

FONAT Meeting Minutes
04/12/2017

Attendees

Glen
Liz
Stan
Helena
Tom
Mike Agosti
Rob
Steve Foster
Pete
Shelley
Deborah
Al
Michael Smolak

Membership

Two new members since last meeting including someone from Haverhill

No treasurer report

Reports from the trails

Updates from Pete Hall
Big tree in Shawsheen at end of Delucia Way still needs attention
Discussion of Edgewood trail maintenance
Bob Coppola is contact at Edgewood
Al suggested contacting someone at The Trustees since they hold the CR (Kevin Block is The Trustees contact for NA and Andover
Should still have someone in FONAT monitor the trail

Reminder email was sent to trail monitors

Work day in April was clearing Highland trail at Carter Hill in preparation for bog bridge building in May
Had 10 people for this work day

Rolling Ridge project to be done by Scout including clearing of downed trees and trail improvements

Updates on projects

CPC approval last week for Edgewood trail boardwalk in the amount of \$10k

Carter Hill bog bridge project to go before NA ConCom later tonight
With approval, will build during May trail work day (05/06)

Leonhard Farm trail will be a joint Greenbelt/FONAT trail work day (06/03)

Wilmot boardwalk project moved from 06/10 date

SCA (Student Conservation Association) project will be a 200' boardwalk in HPSF Farnum parcel
Need \$8k more in funding
SCA projects have to be on DCR property

Discussion of AMC chainsaw policy for BCT trails on DCR properties
Must be filled out once per year
Liz to make available on Dropbox
Are there any similar regs for NA trail work?

Discussion of signs
Brian offered to help with developing a standard & there was discussion about AMC standards - Stan and/or Liz to provide AMC standards to Brian

Quick recap of Weir Hill hike

Rob led with sweep by Brian and great commentary from Glen
Huge turnout (~70)

Discussion about parking

Would be great to get Stevens Pond parking lot open for this hike in the future - DPW folks would be the ones to contact about opening the lot

Upcoming dates

Walk at Smolak Farm this coming Saturday (04/15) at 10am with Michael Smolak

April 30th town-wide cleanup

Discussion of options for FONAT - Bradford St., along Lake Cochichewick, Winter St.

May hike is 05/07 at Osgood Hill led by Glen and sweep by Helena

Sheep shearing is Sunday 05/21 from 10-4

Glen, Liz, and Deb all confirmed their participation

Update from Al French

Recap of BCT video in Andover

Suggestion was made that we should host a session in NA

Tri-town connections and related discussion

Wednesday 05/31 there will be a cleanup day w/ ~30 graduating Andover seniors and ~30 Lawrence students to clean up the Shawsheen River on the Lawrence side

Projects being looked at

1. Shawsheen River trail extension to Mass Ave.

2. Shawsheen River water trail - maintain river section

Some discussion of somehow connecting Royal Crest (and Merrimack College via Rt. 114 cross-walk) to the tri-town connections

Next meeting is Wednesday 05/17