

16 May 2018 FONAT Minutes

Treasurer - money's OK.

Stan - guide book update - going well, though Smolak may not want to any more? No progress on Boy Scouts, PTOs, nor Real Estate agents

Boy Scout info for Cindy Custer - Farnsworth - checked and picked up trash. Bruin Hill - may not have actually been there.

Clean-up at Shawsheen - 10-12 people. Lots of small trees needed clearing, had more people than tools, but bought 2 more loppers, for 6 total. A few folks came from Andover, as well, with Alan French. Blazes added on trail to Hawthorne.

Idea to purchase a backpack blower, or heavy-duty weed whacker for clearing trails.

Farnsworth - rob says there are things that need to be cut.

Mazurenko - Ridge Trail needs clearing. French Farm trail need a lot of help.

Monthly hike at Mazurenko with Rob - rainy, muddy, but held it anyway.

Town-wide Clean-up. - Bradford Street from Mazurenko from Brooks to Water Tower. Big crowd. Achieved more than expected. Dumping is bad.

Ongoing projects

Liz not in attendance for grant updates, but not much done since.

Cyr - lumber processed. Needs drop off. June 2 hopefully the installation. Toe edge and signage.

Lake shore boardwalk - put off, too many things happening.

New lead on a CNC machine - new member works somewhere with a big industrial CNC. Offered to machine signs, possibly acquire material or hardware.

Friends of HP Boardwalk - new walk in NA side. Last Saturday, in conjunction with NEMBA, reopening an existing trail.

Scouts can build future boardwalks, if given FONAT designs. Stan in contact with them.

Glen announced Sheep Shearing via email, looking for volunteers. May plead again.

Farmers Market - could an existing booth sell our guides and have brochures? Smolak, perhaps?
Artisan Market? Berry Pond Scramble tent? Could we just offer guides for sale at the food tents?

June 15 - Atkinson nature walk at Osgood. Friday 10:15, volunteers needed. 4 have signed up.
Stevens Estate back lot.

Chainsaw certification - Liz working on a free option. Need 8 participants.

June hike - there's confusion on who owns that, the route, and the start/finish!