

Friends of North Andover Trails
Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2019

Attendees: Lisa; Stan; George; Steve D.; Jim M.; Jeanne; Tom; Steve F. Jim P; Helena;
Dale; Glen

Updates

- Membership (Jeanne)
 - Two new members joined
 - Members continue to renew
- Treasurer's Report (Steve) (*handout*)
 - Account balance: ~\$21K; minimal expenses
 - Donation from Betty Wright: \$1K
 - Could buy materials (i.e., "swag")
- Guide Sales (Stan)
 - Rocky's Ace Hardware continues as the primary sales location (5/wk)
 - Jeanne has had some initial success selling to real estate offices
 - Might be helpful to have an improved POS display
 - Could also review list of locations which used to sell guides, to re-contact
- Reports from the Trails
 - Glen and George will walk Osgood Hill
 - Lisa is working on the interpretive signs for the Cyr Recycling trail; stand design is set; Deb is off the project; will present signs at next meeting
 - Chairs were well received at Half Mile Hill
- Trails Maintenance (Tom)
 - Shawsheen River trail work: 7 volunteers + 2 Scouts; worked on the knotweed problem
 - More blazes are needed for various trails; Tom to provide
 - Planks need to be moved from the kayak launch area
 - Work days done for this calendar year.

- Trail Signs
 - Anne Fers at Edgewood contacted to see if the Edgewood woodshop group would be willing to help make trail signs; FONAT willing to donate CNC router.
 - Joe L. contacted Dawn Pease about making signs; she will provide a proposal; could make signs like the ones in Boxford.
 - Sign material is in Glen's barn
- Mills to Hills Trail (Steve F.)
 - Last task: installing bridge over stream on TTOR property on 9/21; volunteers needed
 - Town will install signs
 - Still a question of who will mow the trail on the TTOR property. Town? TTOR?

Upcoming Events:

- Fall Festival (Joe)
 - Sat., Sept. 21st, 10:00–4:00
 - Table volunteers always needed
- Trails & Sails Event (Glen)
 - Sun., Sept. 22, 9:00, Brightview parking lot
 - Boston Hill hike

New Business/Discussion

- Rail Trail Meeting (Glen & Stan)
 - New group interested in building a rail trail
 - Glen gave them his prior work
 - Thinking about a phased approach
- Upcoming events:
 - September 19th: Greenbelt fundraiser at the Wakeman's
 - September 21st Fall Festival
 - September 22nd Boston Hill Hike (Keith to lead)

Next Meeting: October 23, 6:00 p.m.