

Minutes for Friends of North Andover Trails Meeting 8/17/16

Present: Glen, Liz, Deb, Rob, Mike, Jim, Steve, Kim and Francis Hearst; Al French, Fred, Helena

Membershp: One new member and one renewal.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve reported a balance of \$14,000.

Hope to use some funds for Mazurenko boardwalk.

Guidebook: Stan is now overseeing sale of guidebooks, centralizing sales, keeping in touch with each FONAT representative for information about numbers of guides sold.

Sales have slowed somewhat. It's not yet time for a second printing.

Trail Maintenance:

Mazurenko: Rob said they had a good work day Saturday, July 9th with several volunteers. They worked on Locust Trail and on one Connector Trail, marking and moving branches. They used blue markers.

Town Farm Trail – Fred reported the trail was in good shape. He did some clearing.

Osgood Hill Lake Trail – according to Franky Hearst the Lake trail is unmarked. He offered to mark it, using orange.

Trail Adopters/Monitors—Liz and Rob said they hadn't received many reports. They will send out reminders.

Bay Circuit Trail in Harold Parker Forest – Liz reported that volunteers brushed out one part of the trail, from pavilion to Route 114. Tom will do the other part.

Kim Hearst reported that the Harold Parker Trails are now on Pokemon. She said it was a good incentive to get young people out in the woods.

Leonhard Farm -

A combined project of FONAT and Greenbelt. Trailhead is in North Andover; trails are 50-50 in North Andover and Boxford. Deb asked about the possibility of building a viewing platform on the marsh; she said there is a lot of wildlife. The marsh is near Dale, Glendale, Winter Street and Ipswich Road. Glen will ask Greenbelt about this possibility.

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Eagle Scout Project – Francis (Frankie) Hearst is building a kiosk at the Stevens Estate trailhead. The frame is in. He will raise the roof and shingles with other troop members. Glen is supplying the sign. It was recommended that fascia board trim be stained white – other kiosks have white trim, according to Jim. Frankie requested a thank you to Town of North Andover and to DPW be included in the sign. The town supplied lumber and labor.

National Night Out – Good volunteer turn-out. Mike's suggestion of stickers as a giveaway proved to be very popular. 31 email addresses were collected.

Kiosks -

Mazurenko and Green Street kiosks have been replaced. There are now eleven kiosks, the most number ever in North Andover. Glen created the maps.

Grant FONAT had a grant for printing ten posters which will be printed in September.

Windrush Farm – Jeff Hixon has created new loop trails at Windrush.

Upcoming Events-

August 18 – Liz will attend a Trails & Sails Host meeting at Heritage Museum in Lawrence, to pick up signs and forms.

Sunday, August 21 – Missile Site Hike – Glen will lead. Liz will co-lead.

Trails & Sails Hikes

Sunday, August 18 – Boxford State Forest – longer hike (3-4 hours) Mike will lead.

Saturday, August 24- Rob will lead. **Note:** Hike starting point was not resolved at meeting, but subsequently. Will meet at parking area on Middleton Road at the "pavilion" between Jenkins and Harold Parker Roads. (Look for event signs. For GPS, use 614 Middleton Rd, North Andover. Note that the printed Trails and Sails guide shows a different street address.) The hike is free, however please note that the state forest charges a \$5 parking fee per car via an automated "pay and display" machine. (Information from email sent to FONAT members).

Fall Festival:

Saturday, September 24 – Fall Festival on Town Common – Volunteers needed for FONAT table.

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Ongoing Projects-

BCT Re-route update – Liz reported that she, Mike and Glen met with Greenbelt. Greenbelt will support the bridge. Two RDAs for both boardwalks are needed.

BCT now gives out pins to anyone who has walked the trail from beginning to end.

Mazurenko Bridge – No update

Mazurenko Connector Trails – Rob will schedule a work day with Tom.

Tri-Town Trail Connector- Al French reported support from Andover Trails and Friends of North Andover Trails and he is working on garnering support from Lawrence. The tri-town connector would be tied to the development of the Route 114 cinema parcels, with possibility of a passage under Route 495.

Trash Clean-Up Day – Mike will set a date for a clean-up in Boxford State Forest loop

Friends of Harold Parker – Volunteers needed - a group has begun pulling weeds --fan wort and milfoil-- in Field Pond. Goal is to complete weeding by November 13th to avoid the necessity for application of chemicals in the pond next year.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st, 6PM, 1 Johnson St, (The "Brick Store") 2nd Floor. Parking behind the building.

Helena Minton

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