

Attendance: (12) Stan, Helena, Deb, Jim, Tom, Wayne, Steve, Steve, Mike, Jeff, Liz, Glen

Membership: 7 New Members

Treasury: Steve reported \$13.7K in our account. Guide book has been a great success! Expenses are now coming in for trails projects. Glen has ordered another box of brochures About \$800 spent on the Bay Circuit Trail project.

Guidebooks: Stan said guide books continue to sell, even outside North Andover. Deb brought almost \$300 in cash from guide book sales.

Trail Maintenance:

- The group was reminded that it's hunting season, so be careful when hiking or maintaining trails.
- Rob said he has received trail monitoring reports. Friendly reminder out to Trail Monitors. Please check your trails and return reports.
- Glen installed the remaining kiosk posters. He will get reimbursement from the grant funds.

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.
- Harold Parker walk led by Rob was very successful. More than 60 participants showed up for a 2-hour hike.
- Fall Festival on Sept. 24th was another success. Some members helped at the table, and guides were sold and brochures given out.
- The Osgood Hill hike was led by Glen and Liz and had a big turn-out: 80 people!
- Glen and Stan met with the Town Planner about the status of the "multi-use" trail. She said she would start actively working on this project and keep us posted every several weeks.
- Glen and Stan attended the Conservation Commission meeting to comment on the Edgewood project. A modified site plan was shown. Glen and Stan provided some input on parking and trail head access.
- Leonhard Farm acquisition by Greenbelt had been delayed but should be completed in the next month or two.

Fall Projects:

- Ten people turned out for the first phase of the Mazurenko construction project, even with the rainy day.

- 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.

Ideas:

- Lapel stickers with “indoor” adhesive.
- “Event” signs to put up at the starting point of a hike.
- “Fill in the blank” door hangers to use when trail work will be done close to houses.
- Get sign “specs” from DCR and/or AMC

Upcoming Events:

- Sharpner’s Pond hike: Sun. Nov. 13th.
- Sharpner’s Pond clean-up: Sat., Nov. 12th.
- Essex County Open Space Conference: Nov. 12th.

Upcoming Projects:

- The second part of the work at Mazurenko will be done on Oct. 22nd.

Next Meeting: Wed., Nov. 16th, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. @ Brick Store