

FONAT Meeting Minutes: 20-Oct 2021 (6.15 - 7.35 PM)

Attendees: Glen Aspeslagh; Mike Agosti; Liz Armstrong; Rob Jones; Deb Mintos; Tom Powers

Membership: 3 new members (at least 1 from the Fall Festival)

Treasury: \$25,600 cash balance; minor expenses for boardwalk materials.

Guidebook Sales: Replaced plastic holders at Rocky's; every cash register has one; best selling outlet.

2nd Edition Guidebook: No publication date, but new photos have been ear-marked, including some on FONAT's boardwalk construction activities.

Fall Festival: Good interest in FONAT booth; more names added to email list, t-shirt sales (3) and very good sales of the guidebook. Requesting a re-print of the 3-fold hand-out, "business cards"/contact information as handouts. Discussion on whether we should replace the existing large-scale map with alternatives. Glen will look into replacing the paper map with something more durable, but retaining current easel approach is preferred.

Reports from Trails: Despite COVID, Tom has successfully carried on with the monthly work days, with reasonable attendance at most. Mower has been re-built. Several ad hoc reports were received on trees blocking trails and some required bridging maintenance (James Swamp; Locust Trail). Discussion on the current Greenbelt/Eagle Scout boardwalk project on Bruin Hill; poor construction; needs considerable improvements for safety. **We agreed to put together a list of bridging that needs repairs. We also agreed to collect as much data as possible on the existing boardwalks;** Liz to circulate the potential spreadsheet categories for review and comments.

Updates on Projects: **Lake Trail** (CPA) should remain open as we extend some of the new bridging to cover consistently muddy areas and add (interactive) signs. **Cyr** (CPA) boardwalk is almost complete; no reimbursements have been requested by FONAT to town, but Mike's expenses have been reimbursed by FONAT. Attention needed on the finances so we can close out this project with the town. **Glennie Woodlot** RDA request is before the conservation commission on 27-Oct (Rob); we think there might be neighbor push back on this project (bridge plus re-opening the abandoned trails). Others are encouraged to attend the meeting. **CYR Kiosk** (large – multi-sided) to be put near the woods entrance towards the Cyr boardwalk is moving forward; Amy has looked at the site and she will provide information on who is responsible for this portion of town property to gain permissions. Content to be determined, but a celebration of FONAT's accomplishment was suggested.

New Business: A suggestion to use the 2020 **hike schedule** was agreed; Liz to circulate it for review and comments. The NAHS cross country team is looking for a trail to use for host meets; needs extensive parking nearby. Glen working with them, using Osgood Hill, Lake Trail, Half Mile Trail and other Trustee trails. Vandalism of the half-mile hill chairs was repaired by a 96 year old resident; photo shared.