

Friends of North Andover Trails (FONAT)

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022

Attendees: Glen; Stan; Deb; Jim; Tom; Rob; Mike; Alan French; Jared (TTOR);
Jeremy (TTOR)

Updates:

- **Membership:** (Jeanne)
 - We have 209 people on our e-mail list
 - 165 haven't paid their memberships for the last five years
 - 57 paid by January 2021
 - 44 currently up to date
 - We've had 10 renewals so far in 2022
 - New member: Allen Aldrich
 - Might be time to send out a newsletter to generate interest

- **Treasurer's Report:** (none)

- **Guide Sales Report:** (none)

- **Hikes:**
 - Successful hike at Sudden Pond on April 10 (Joe & Jeanne)
 - ~40 people attended
 - Looking for volunteers for 2022 hikes
 - Hikes list is on the website and people can sign up

- **Trails Report:**
 - Trees are down on Woodchuck
 - Need a list of downed trees
 - Mike and Jim and Glen will do some chain sawing
 - Ken Divan (TTOR) may be able to help
 - Foster Farm trail closed by the town due to oil spill on Foster Street; no word on when it may be reopened.
 - James Swamp kiosk was reset and cemented in place (took 9 people!)

- **Trails Maintenance** (Tom)
 - June maintenance – Weir Hill on the 4th
 - July maintenance – Scout Trail at Mazarenko
 - August maintenance TBD
 - TTOR has the mower at Ward and will deliver

- **The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) Update:** (Jeremy)
 - National Trails Day is June 4th – planning a work day at Weir Hill which could also be a FONAT work day

- Weir Hill – installing new kiosk and doing some excavator and forestry work.
 - Pleasant Street parking lot – town will be making improvements, including new signage and boardwalk.
 - Stevens-to-Stevens Trail will get more signage, especially at the Stevens-Coolidge end.
 - Ward Reservation will have a controlled burn; National Grid has put up new signage for John’s Trail; there will be a new kiosk;
- **Projects:**
 - Glennie Wood Lot boardwalk
 - Mazarenko boardwalks and bridges
 - Bridges at the Usler property
 - Bay Circuit Trail boardwalks from Sharpner’s to the powerline

New Business/Discussion

- Royal Crest (Alan French)
 - FONAT should be part of the discussion to link paths in Royal Crest to the trails network
 - Best time to influence the process is prior to permitting
- ATV incursions:
 - Bruin Hill has no-vehicle signs put up by an individual
 - More signs could be helpful
 - Town agencies not clearly supporting no ATVs
 - TTOR has signs which might be a model

Upcoming Events:

- North Andover Earth Day Clean-up
 - **Sunday, May 1**, 9:00 a.m.
 - Town wide
- Sheep Shearing
 - **Sunday, May 22**
 - Volunteers needed for the table
 - Will print tri-fold brochures and large map for this event

Action Items

- Prepare newsletter?
- Print tri-fold brochures?
- Print large display map?

Next Meeting: May 11, 6:00 p.m.