

## Friends of Wompatuck Minutes 3/20/17

Meeting opens at 7:00

Members and guests present: Vicki Schow, Doug Luoma, Bill Boles, Sandy Cole, Lars Ahlzen, Brad Sands, Susan Kane, Steve Gammon, Mark Schow, Wayne Strohm, Pam Johnson, Steve Cobble, Timothy Friedman, Jane Goldman, Eric Oddleifson, Kit Schloski, Mark Schlosky, Lynne Powell-Pinto, Kiernan Pinto

### 1, Officer Reports:

President Report: Vicki opens the meeting, members and guests introduce themselves.

Secretary's Report: Bill Boles – Motion to accept minutes SC, Second SG – Vote passes unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Doug Luoma. Our bank balance has changed from \$26.583 to \$28.171. Motion to Accept – Vote passes unanimously.

Motion to continue our annual donation of \$100 to NEMBA. – Vote passes unanimously.

### 2, Pump Track: Mark Schow's presentation sparked a long discussion of the proposed pump track.

The track would be aimed at younger riders. It will be 3/10 of a mile long. It's proposed to surround it with a split rail fence 500' of which would cost \$5/foot.

The surface would be screened loom mixed with topsoil.

It would take 3-4 days to build and there would be an average of 5" of dirt.

BB – Suggests asking others, such as SE MA NEMBA for donations. VS -Suggests that we could put a "donation button" on our web page and also use Facebook. SK – DCR may be able to contribute.

The project will cost about \$5500 for dirt and \$5000 for equipment and manpower to place and spread it. The fence would cost another \$2500.

Motion: PJ – Authorize up to \$15,000 if the DCR gives us the go ahead. Second JG – Vote – Passes unanimously.

DL – Will ask Eastern Bank if they'd like to contribute.

### 3, South Field Bridge: Steve Gammon estimates that we can do the South Field bridge replacement for less than Brian Boyden's donation.

4, NEHSC Wompy Warriors: Eric Oddleifson – Reported that permits have been applied for and that there are currently 15 kids, 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders, signed up. The intent is to focus on 'how to ride, 'skills and safety', 'having fun' with racing as an option for those interested. The children reside in Hingham, Abington, Norwell, Pembroke and Quincy. Plans are for Thursday and Sunday rides and possibly on Monday.

5, Playground Proposal: - Susan Kane: The proposal is complete. Given DCR budget constraints the playground is not likely to happen quickly. Reaching out to Citizen's Bank is still in play.

Visitor's Center upgrades – Still on hold as there is no funding for design at this time. The 50 Amp re-wiring is expected to increase campground usage significantly.

Campground Electrification: - DCR has funded \$1,000,000 for electrical upgrades. Additional work will probably not be done till the fall. There is a big need for a new water and sewer pipe. \$140,000 for repairs and another \$100,000 to repair the pump

Mt Blue Spring re build planning is done.

Note: FOW should write a letter to Commissioner Roy asking to advance this project.

Note: There are currently 52 water bubblers in the campground.

6, Park Expansion: - Susan Kane notes that the park expansion project from Norwell on the south side of Wompatuck is on track. It will go to Town Meeting in May. Scout property is also being looked at as well as a section of Honstra Farm.

7, FOW Day: Pam Johnson – Goal is to “Introduce Everyone to Wompatuck”. Many groups have been asked to participate. Estimated expenses include:

8-10 Yard Signs, you can get 20 for about \$200, so ~= \$100

Posters, \$50

Water Bottles, 200 for about \$800

DCR Permit, \$45

FOW Stickers, \$50

DCR Detail, \$500

Insurance, \$10 (Add DCR as additional insured.)

Incidentals, \$100

Total ~= \$1600

Motion: Authorized expenditures of up to \$2000, SG – Second, LA – Passed unanimously.

8, Maps & Website: Lars Ahlzen – The prototype interactive Wompy map is up and running. More details will be added.

Website: Damon will work on an updated website by late spring.

9, Eagle Scout Project Proposal: Kiernan Pinto from troop 4 seeks an Eagle Scout project:

BS suggests extending the Heart Healthy Trail with an additional woods section to get it off the road. This will require a bridge.

JG and SG recommend that Kiernan come back with a proposal when he gets it approved by the DCR and the Scouts.

10, Old Business: Steve Gammon – We should be getting as many Special Use Permits as we can. There are currently about 900 a year from SK's district, while some other districts have few to none. A high Special Use Permit count makes it easier to get DCR attention and funding.

Recreational Use Permits or “permit inquiries or notices” should still be run by Supervisor Brad Sands. But, SPU's should be used now for everything.

The next FOW Executive Board meeting will be on 4/11 @ 7:00. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourns: 9:10 PM