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### Minutes of Meeting

Present Bill B. (President), Lars A. Vice-President, Sandy C. (Membership), Judy S., (FOW), Dave S. (FOW), Jane G. (Treasurer), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Carl Casale (FOW), Carold Brownell (FOW), Ethan C. and his Mother (Boy Scouts), Tyler E. (Landmine and Adopt-A-Trail), James M. (FOW) and last but not least Fergie Lee (Bill's Dog)

Number Present: 13

Meeting Convened at 7:00 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order

#### Opening Remarks and Introductions (President Bill Boles)

Bill welcomed everyone introductions were made including new member James Moore and Ethan Comrie (BSA)

#### Secretary's Report

With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the March Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

#### Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported the current balance is \$21, 870.77. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

#### Membership Report (Sandy)

Sandy reported we have 112 memberships. Two new ones being benefactor Mary Rose Erickson and corporate member Sharing, Inc. (Kay Doherty), an organization which raises money to help poverty in the South, especially children. They do the Good Friday walk in Wompatuck. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Membership Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

#### Eagle Scout Project (Ethan)

Ethan attended this meeting of FOW to discuss a project for his Eagle Scout Award. He has two years to plan and execute this project. Steve suggested a bridal bridge, which is the next project in line, and will meet with Ethan to begin the process.

#### Park Serve Day

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is Park Serve Day. Steve Gammon has bought some plants and bushes which will be planted on that day. The other project discussed was rerouting the trail between C5 and

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C10. The bridge done on the last trail day is all done except for the ramps. It is a half day project for two people. The next trail day the ramps will be finished, the rerouting will be completed if not finished on 4/21 and the railroad tracks will be filled with cement or a cold patch. If time there will also be trail hardening done.

#### Adopt- A-Trail (Tyler)

Adopt-A-Trail is up and running. You are able to see a discussion on line and are able to select a trail to adopt. Notice and information will be sent out to all members.

#### Landmine (Tyler)

DCR permit has been approved and the application is almost completed to USA Cycling. Permitting is being requested for over 500 runners. The runner application will go live on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Tyler will begin buying supplies for the race this month and will store everything in preparation for the race, getting everything done as early as possible, not leaving things until the last minute. We may get race tape with a vendor logo from bikebarn. The timer has been confirmed for the race. We will again do glassware as prizes, just change the imprint color. Some more work needs to be done in South Field.

#### Old and New Business

Sharing, Inc. would like to partner with FOW to improve the Gatehouse. They use the inside for the Good Friday walk. They would do the inside improvements and FOW would handle the outside. It was also voted to reimburse Steve Gammon for the plants purchased for Park Serve Day.

Lars reported, REI is having a partnership event on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for FOW as well as other organizations to interact with REI customers to “show and tell” what we are about. We will have a table there from 9 until 4. Several members volunteered to man the table. Lars will make out a schedule.

Lars discussed the maps are running low and it was decided to print another batch. Before doing so, vendors on the current map will be asked if they want to remain on the next printing. The last maps were ordered in September of 2011 so we will need to increase the number printed to get us through a complete year. Lars asked that everyone check over the existing map for corrections that might need to be made.

REI has asked for a report on how our project went with the last grant we received from them. Lars sent a report to them stating we had resurfaced some of the bridges and were continuing to do so. We are still looking for a more durable material to use, but will continue with the present one until an improved material can be found.

REI has sent a new grant application for 2012. The grant is looking to bring in volunteers to Wompatuck to improve the park for recreational trail days. Steve suggested we look into creating a habitat for grouse. These birds like a mature forest which is high trees without a lot of bushes, briars, etc. on the ground under the trees. Steve remembers a group interested in this and is going

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to try and find them for instruction. Also suggested was building wood duck houses and trail widening. It was suggested to bring other ideas to the next meeting.

There was discussion about the new entrance to Mt. Blue. Everyone who has seen this approves and it was decided to go ahead and fund the construction of the entrances at So. Pleasant and at Doane St.

There was also discussion about repairing the entrance to the Visitor Center. Steve says he thinks it needs replacement rather than just repair. We would need to apply to DCR for funding to replace the entire walk and add an appropriate ramp. He will work on a letter to DCR for the next meeting.

We need new large maps for inside the kiosks. They need to be printed (maybe at Staples or Western Graphics) and then laminated (maybe by Blue Hills). Bill is going to get the size and check with Blue Hills about lamination.

Judy asked that Steve get some new location signs made for a few areas of the park where signs are missing. Steve talked about giving the request to Mia as part of her project.

It was suggested information about the Snow Dogs be added to the map because they have been so helpful to FOW.

Park Serve Day is Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Next Meeting is Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Jane Goldberg

Many thanks to Jane for serving as Secretary at the April 16, 2012 meeting!