



**October 15, 2012**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

#### **Present**

Bill B. (President), Carl C. (VP Trails), Steve G. (Park Supervisor),  
Judy S. (FOW), David S. (FOW), Ethan Comrie (Boy Scouts) & Dad,  
David Horte (Hunter), Jim Moore (FOW)

Number Present: 9

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes are presented in Agenda Order

#### **Opening Remarks and Introductions (Bill B.)**

Bill welcomed everyone and all present were introduced. Officer's reports were suspended until the next meeting

#### **Eagle Scout Project (Ethan Comrie Troop 19 Weymouth)**

Ethan Comrey presented pictures of his completed bridge. He spoke a little about how the work effort went. Ethan presented a bill for the materials that he had purchased and was reimbursed. Ethan was thanked and was given a round of applause

#### **Hunting**

Dave Horte, a local hunter and Hingham Police officer spoke about his desire to reestablish grouse habitat in the Wildlife Management Area and changing the current Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) so that a park wide archery season could be opened for deer hunting. Horte spoke about the history of the increasing deer population and the frequency of auto/deer collisions. Horte also had statistical information about the safety of archery hunting and the benefit to the herd.

Bill Boles spoke about his experience with deer overpopulation in Wompatuck and other parks. Carl spoke both pro & con on the issue. There was discussion about tree stands and distance from trails.

Steve Gammon spoke and reserved his right, as supervisor, to inspect tree stands to insure that they were a proper distance from trails and that trees were not being damaged by the stand or hunter.

The members agreed not to vote on this until further education on the issue could be had. Steve will invite Jason Zimmer from Mass Wildlife to a future meeting.

Bill suggested that an article about the hunting CMR changes should be written and published in the next FOW newsletter.

#### **Ames Nowell cleanup day**

Bill talked about CITO, a geo-cache group that has offered, and will be doing a park clean-up on 10-27-12 from 9:00 to 12:00. Malcolm Neilson from SE NEMBA (Ames Nowell) will be hosting.

### **Trail Care Day**

The next trail care day will be held on 11-3-12. The ramping of the new bridge on the So. Pleasant St. fence line, using stone to repair trails between C10 and E15 and ramping the bridge near N18 were proposed. Bill spoke about the coastal cleanup group that has offered to help. Bill will be contacting them.

### **Project Proposals**

Bill asked for members to think about capital projects for this year.

Submitted by Steve G.