

FWT Board Meeting—Minutes

January 13, 2020

Attending: Anna Taylor, Bud Gearhart, Denise Bilsback, Bill Polito, Norma Platt, John Boettcher, Steve Snyder, Craig Hurlbut, Hal Harris, Stewart Agor, Larry Yost, Ron Happ, Shari Gnolek

Guest: Tom Flaherty, Webster Town Supervisor

A. Administrative Tasks

1. **Agenda Approve/Change:** Approved with Adjustments
2. **Minutes** approve November 2019 Meeting: Approved with adjustments
 - minutes to be posted on website going forward
3. **Membership Status-** Denise Bilsback: Report attached
 - 213 members!
 - Volunteer hours now being tracked
 - Scout volunteer hours need to be tracked, Denise to follow up
4. **Treasurer Report-** Bill Polito: Report attached
 - Discussion of planning and paying for projects. Complete projects as finances allow.
 - Suggestion to set minimum cash balance (\$5000)
 - Bill to bring proposal for cash balance to next meeting
 - Follow up with McAllister Sign for value of their donated services
5. **Social Media** – Anna T: 590 Facebook/143 Instagram followers, followers are up.
6. **Website Inquiry Summary** – Norma Platt:
 - 2 people asked about being involved, Norma and Anna to follow up
 - 1 person reported a downed tree at Gosnell, Shari/Anna to follow up
 - Volunteered truckload of woodchips—Norma will decline
7. **Communications Update-** John Boettcher:
 - John provides 2 newsletters/year
 - looking for other means of broadcasting
 - John is exploring articles in *Town Times* & School /Community Education flyer
8. **Website Updates** – Steve Snyder: Working to bring it up to date.
9. **Trail Chair Update** – Craig Hurlbut: Craig is organizing trail stewards.

B. Main Topics

1. **Tom Flaherty Town Supervisor:** FWT Board Member Introductions/roles
 - Tom: Seeks to support FWT, which is an independent volunteer organization
 - Tom will come back in a couple of months, to attend another Board Meeting for updates
2. **Webster Parks/Recreation, Open Space and Athletic Review Committee (PROSAR)** 01/06/20 meeting updates- Hal:

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- Hal attended PROSAR meeting; anticipates interim director of Parks & Rec.
 - Four Mile Creek property: Hal reported on purchase attempts and naming issues. Tied in with town and school district interests, Finley; Eckler; Cumberland family's potential involvement.
3. **FWT Trail Party Projects & Scout Projects for 2020** – All: See Draft attached
4. **FWT Events for 2020** - All
- Library: Proposal for Photo Gallery wall- Anna will follow up.
 - FWT to present on Trails/Open Space: Norma/John will follow up on lectures;
 - Schools: Biology, PE teachers
 - WCSD Continuing Education: Course on Open Space
 - Webster Parks and Rec: Class on Open Space, nature, history
 - Library
 - Scavenger Hunt at NPP: May 2, 9-Noon; \$5/child; \$20/family; Teacher is enthusiastic about it. Advertise on website. Proceeds are slated to be a donation to FWT.
 - Town Events: Arts Festival, Fall Festival, etc. – FWT to identify events to gain good exposure and send representatives.
 - Artists painting on trails/ Music on trails- Shari will follow up with schools re: music, Norma to follow up
 - Campout in Whiting Road field? Craig and Hal will consider.
 - Passport hike kickoff: Partner with Wegmans. Denise & Anna to follow up
5. **Transition Meeting:** 11/20/19 Shari, Anna and Hal update - Anna
- Sign conflict of interest – signed by all in attendance. Anna to follow up with Eric T for his signature and will file signed document on Drop Box.
 - FWT Constitution update for 2020
 - Need committee to review and propose amendments—mid summer. Hal will lead. Looking for volunteers, John Boettcher agreed to help
6. **Extractor Purchase**
- Cost of "Extractigator" and Big Foot attachment would be \$296.18 US- John Boettcher, more to follow.
7. **Mapping Committee-** Norma
- Board to consider provision for mapping committee
8. **Upcoming Events**
- Feb. 10, 2020 Board Meeting

Adjourn! 8:48 p.m.