

## **FWT Board Meeting- Minutes July 13, 2020**

**Present:** Denise Bilsback, John Boettcher, Norma Platt, Eric Turberg, Bud Gearhart, Craig Hurlbut, Dennis Kuhn, Ron Happ, Hal Harris, Ann Taylor

### **A. Administrative Tasks**

1. Approve/Change Agenda [OK](#)
2. Approve Minutes from June Meeting [OK](#)
3. Membership Status- Denise Bilsback [See Report](#), feedback on new report layout,
4. Review of Treasurer Report- Bill Polito [See Report](#)
5. Social Media – Anna T: [Facebook 673 Followers](#). [Instagram 164 Followers](#),
6. Website Inquiry Summary – Norma Platt [See Report](#)
7. Communications Update- John Boettcher
8. Website Updates – Steve Snyder/Anna Taylor

### **B. Main Topics**

1. Trail Chair Update – Craig Hurlbut
  - July Trail work Day: Scheduled for July 25,2020 FMCP partnership with Thomas Cross Country Team
    - [Craig discussing with Cross Country Coach regarding COVID safety protocols.](#)
    - [Board decision to put off partnering with the Team until 2021, when COVID is no longer a factor.](#)
    - [Invite for volunteers to go out to FWT Membership and Board only.](#)
  - Coordinate details
    - [FMCP- work to clean up and cut back connecting Red Trail, infill low lying areas on Blue Trail as identified by Dennis, with gravel provided by town and lay chunky mulch under fence and sign.](#)
  - August Trail Work Day- TBD
2. FWT Constitution update for 2020 –
  - Need committee to review and propose amendments—mid summer. Hal will lead. Looking for volunteers, John Boettcher confirm if he is still willing to help.
  - [John Boettcher and Hal Harris to Review](#)
3. FWT Finances: Internal Controls Processes- Bill Polito & Craig Hurlbut
  - [Cash controls, Bank statement ending balance will be provided as a comparison to the monthly financial report.](#)
4. Boy Scout Projects- Eric Turberg
  - [Eric and Hal will walk the New State Road Property and determine Scout Projects for that New Trail system. Eric will work with Scouts on next steps.](#)
    - Proposed Projects:
      - [Bridge across 4 Mile Creek, east side of property to Arbor Creek](#)
      - [Clearing bank near pond, and install new bridge to access the area](#)

5. Hojack Trail at Drumm Road Trailhead Sign- Bud Gearhart
  - Questions remain regarding improvements to the trail, drainage, infill, and next steps. John Boettcher will reach out to the Town and P&R to clarify, discuss.
6. Open Space & New Trails Updates- Hal Harris
  - a. New Trails-
    - State Rd Property- any opportunity to start work? See Scout Projects notes
  - b. Open Space
    - Cumberland Property- last contact, Owner to keep in family
      - Discussed contacting an arborist to potentially harvest some trees. FWT experience that this does more damage to the property than any financial wins. Also noted there is great value in maintaining property, open wooded spaces as is. For education, recreation, environment, quality of life and property values.
    - Buckner Property:
      - Town use of property still undefined
      - 2/3 property farmland. There is access to creek.
      - Hal and interested FWT Board Members to walk the property- to be scheduled
      - Chigwell neighborhood adjacent to property. FWT to reach out to neighborhood for potential involvement, partnership.

### **C. Open Discussion**

7. Board Secretary: Stewart Agor has resigned as Board Secretary noting health issues. He also mentioned that he would be happy to volunteer for trail maintenance in the future. We are very grateful for Stewarts help these past months. His contribution to FWT was and is greatly appreciated. We hope to see him on the trails sometime soon.

#### 8. Trail Maps:

- Shari coordinating with McAllister Sign, she will email Proofs of the New Signs to the Board when she has received them, for approval prior to printing
- Shari will email written instructions to the Board on Instruction for Trail Mapping.

#### 9. Village Kiosk: Hal to contact Pete Elder on status

#### 10. Four Mile Creek Preserve- Fishing updated, Dennis Kuhn

- Dennis met Scott Feltrinelli, Rep to the NYS DEC Lake Ontario Fisheries Management at the Preserve to review updated DEC fishing guidelines and regulations.
- Dennis will work with Scott, and Norma to update the information in the kiosk. He will touch base with Glenn Morrell on the proposed updated information.
  - The Map, QR code and FWT logo are to remain.

Adjourn!