

FWT Board Meeting

October 10, 2022

Attendees: Denise Billsback, John Boettcher, Hal Harris, Craig Hurlbut, Dennis Kuhn, Norma Platt, Chris Peterson, Anna Taylor, Steve Snyder

A. Administrative Tasks

1. Approve/Change Agenda: [OK](#)
2. Approve Minutes from September 2022 Meeting: [Approved](#)
3. Membership Status- Denise Billsback: [Detailed report distributed to Board via email](#)
 - a. Total members: [247](#)
 - b. Work hours: [238 hours](#)
4. Review of Treasurer Report: [Detailed report distributed to Board via email](#)
 - a. [New Treasurer Chris Peterson was introduced](#)
5. Social Media – Anna Taylor
 - a. FB: [941](#)
6. Website Inquiry Summary – Norma Platt
 - a. [Fungus on boardwalk on red trail WRNP comes from creek – no follow up needed.](#)
 - b. [Potential volunteer Justin Poulter](#)
 - c. [Nun wants to donate](#)
 - d. [Blowdowns reported in Webster Park were not on Midnight Trail](#)
7. Communications Update- John Boettcher
 - a. [Workday on October 15 planting trees.](#)
 - b. [Autumn Newsletter was sent out.](#)
8. Habitat Committee Update - Norma Platt
 - b. [Planted 8 red pines from nursery in Bog Woods](#)

B. Main Topics

1. Trails Planning and Maintenance
 - a. [Hojack trail planning postponed to 2023.](#)
 - b. [Craig, Steve, Bud and John mowed the Hojack. Done for the season.](#)
 - c. [Craig and Steve are talking with vendors to buy trailer as of October 16, plan to buy before it snows.](#)
 - d. [Trail Workday #8: Gosnell, September 17– Cleared meadow trail, extension of trail to Vosburg, trail at north end connection field to woods.](#)
 - e. [Trail Workday #9: Tree Planting, October 15 – Norma: Advertised on FB, Meetup and 3 times to members. Volunteers are needed. May need to hire labor in the future.](#)
 - f. [Lost and Found baskets were purchased](#)
 - g. [Johnson trail](#)
 - o [Trail finished at FWT work party](#)
 - o [Entry arch installed/ Norma, Larry, John](#)
 - o [Attribution plaque installed: Norma, John, Chris McAllister](#)

- Maps installed: Norma, John, Chris McAllister
- Trees will be planted 10/15: ReTree, FWT work party
- Blazes: in progress
- Opening celebration: planning by Anna

h. Four Mile Creek – Dennis and Craig installed about 50 orange blazes in both directions on new Orange trail.

2. Re-Tree project: Norma/Sarah

- a. Muller grant update. It looks like the Emil Muller Foundation will help out in 2023. Details still need to be worked out.
- b. The purchase and delivery of the trees: the trees that we got from WON are pretty large and have unwieldy containers. Chris Brick used her pickup to deliver the trees to the nursery. Glenn Morrell's Parks/Rec crew helped us unload the trees at the nursery. They will transfer the trees to marshalling areas just before the planting event.
- c. Tree planting sites are marked (Norma, John, Andy). Water will be on-site (Norma, John).
- d. Participants will dig holes of the correct depth. The plan is to cut off the bottom of the growbag, put the tree in the hole, and then removed the sides of the bag.
- e. We will cage and label the trees at a later time.

3. Promote: Anna T.

- Cars Along the Creek: Oct. 29 FMCP, 10am-noon – Dennis
- Scavenger Hunt: Nov. 5, 10am-noon, Petit Family, Volunteers wanted
- Hot Cocoa Hike: Nov. 5, 7pm-8:30pm- Denise
- Annual Meeting: Nov. 17 at Liberty Lodge, Guest Speaker Gay Mills, GVLT – Anna
- Memorial Program – After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to have a memorial program.