FWT Annual Meeting November 17, 2022

Attendees: John Boettcher, Ron Happ, Hal Harris, Dennis Kuhn, Lynn Peterson, Norma Platt, Anna Taylor, Steve Snyder, Sarah White, and invited guests

A. Welcome Remarks - Anna Taylor, President

B. Annual Reports

- 1. Approve October Minutes/November Agenda: Approved
- 2. Membership Status Denise Bilsback: Detailed report distributed to Board via email
 - a Total members: 250 members
 - b October work hours: 132 hours
 - c 2022 hours: 1080 (up from 974 in 2021)
- 3. Review of Treasurer Report Lynn Peterson, Treasurer: Detailed report distributed to Board
- 4. Habitat Preservation and ReTree Project Norma Platt & Sarah White
 - a Summary of work to date: Research work, clearing of invasives, construction of nursery, planting trees and seeds
 - b Initial plans for 2023: More planting, starting more seedlings, creating partnerships
 - i Suggestion to solicit volunteers from high school/national honor society. ACTION ITEM: Lynn to check with school counselors on how to connect with groups.

C. Committee Chair Reports

- 1. Trail Projects Craig Hurlbut, Trails Chair, with updates from trail stewards
- 2. Open Space Committee Hal Harris, Member at Large
 - a State Road property back on list for bridge construction.
 - b Potential town bond referendum to purchase open space is on hold, but properties identified for future preservation.
 - c Woods property acquisition from Community Forest Grant and matching fund donation. Transaction should be completed by year end.
- 3. President's Report Anna Taylor: Thanks to all for the many successes of this year!

Adjourn Formal Meeting

Guest Speaker: Gay Mills, Genesee Land Trust, Executive Director: Insights Over the Years: Protecting Open Space in the Rochester Region