

FWT Board Meeting June 13, 2022

Attendees: John Boettcher, Ron Happ, Hal Harris, Steve Snyder, Dennis Kuhn, Norma Platt, Anna Taylor, Larry Yost

A. Administrative Tasks

1. Approve/Change Agenda: [OK](#)
2. Approve Minutes from A 2022 Meeting: [Approved](#)
3. Membership Status- Denise Bilsback: [Detailed report distributed via email to Board](#)
4. Review of Treasurer Report- Bill Polito: [Detailed report distributed via email to Board](#)
5. Social Media – Erin Rene
 - a. [924 FB followers, up 2 from May](#)
 - b. [83 Instagram followers, rebuilding with new acct](#)
 - c. [Meetup has 308 members, up 18 from May](#)
6. Website Inquiry Summary – Norma Platt
 - a. [Thank you \(6/4\).](#)
 - b. [Request for speaker \(6/7\)](#)
 - c. [1370 and FWT \(6/2\)](#)
 - d. [Attribution of a bench given in memory \(6/1\)](#)
 - e. [Hickory Bark boardwalk slippery when wet \(6/9\)](#)
 - f. [Tree vandalized in Big Woods \(5/13\)](#)
 - g. [Donation in memory of Norman Seitz \(5/19\)](#)
7. Communications Update- John Boettcher
 - a. [Noted that Parks and Rec/Chris Bilow sends out a weekly update on events and happenings – ACTION ITEM: John to reach out to Chris Bilow to see if FWT events can be included](#)
8. Habitat Committee Update - Norma Platt
 - a. [Garlic mustard mostly eradicate on Bird Sanctuary Trail](#)
 - b. [Survey of M. Johnson Property](#)

B. Main Topics

1. **Trails Planning & Maintenance:** -
 - a. Maintenance: Planning - Steve
 - o [Mowing: Craig and Steve mowed the Blue Trail to the Brown Trail with the new Mower. It took 1.5-2hrs to mow approx. 8' width. Concluded that training will be needed for volunteers to use the mower, and to load the mower on and off a trailer, it is a physical job.](#)
 - o [Storage: Craig reached out to Glenn M. at Parks and Rec \(P&R\) regarding building a shed to store the new mower on P&R lot. Glenn did not approve the request. ACTION ITEM: ALL – research New enclosed Trailer 5'x8' min size, lockable, to store the mower protecting it from potential theft and weather damage. Estimated cost \\$5K.](#)
 - b. Trail Workday #4: Four Mile Creek, May 21, 2022 – feedback: [Successful with 11 participants.](#)
 - c. Trail Workday #5: M. Johnson Trail, June 18, 2022 – Norma coordinating with Mary on type of plaque to commemorate the Mike and Mary for their donation of land. It will be like the plaque at John Ungar. Proposing to install Benches at

over looks and provide a center arch at the trail entry of the Hojack trail also similar to John Ungar Trail.

- d. Trail Workday #6: Four Mile Creek, July 16, 2022 - 2/3rd of the trail is complete, 1/3rd remaining. Scout to build New Bridge. Scheduled to pick up the materials 06/14. Joe Corona from the Webster Rotary will be joining us for this trail work day. **ACTION ITEM: Hal to reach out to the Scout to make sure he has all the info he needs.**
- e. Trail Workday #7: Whiting Rd Nature Preserve (Possible partner with GROC) – add gravel to Blue Trail
- f. Trail Kiosk - Lyme disease Info: signs posted at Gosnell Big Woods, WRNP, and 4MCP
- g. Hojack Trail Update: Bud worked on locations of rebar and tracks infilling them with dirt- Thank you Bud for the great work and follow up.
- h. Lost and Found Basket: Bud proposed installing a lost and found basket at trail head locations, as people are placing items in the brochure boxes. Proposal to use the Lost and Found basket similar to that installed at WRNP as the model, moving forward. It is a wire basket Ron installed with a note regarding Lost and Found Items. **ACTION ITEM: Dennis and Anna to follow up with Glenn for approval, given his interest in standardizing content and look of Kiosks.**
- i. Hickory Bark: Boardwalk Surface- Norma: Concern from hiker emailed comments on slippery surface when the Board walk gets wet. We can add a sign noting "Caution - Slippery when Wet", location and type of sign TBD, to be coordinated with Trail Steward
- j. Trail Maps: update for M. Johnson and Eckler Properties: **ACTION ITEM: Norma and Craig to coordinate with completing mapping with QGIS, and Anna to follow up with Chris McAlister for new signs**
- k. Webster Town Grant – Hal:(see <https://www.ci.webster.ny.us/640/ARPA-Grant>),
 - o Hal submitted Grant Proposal
 - o Award info due July 7th

2. **Re-Tree Project:** Norma

- a Update: Identified area in WRNP, off Blue trail, to remove invasives and plant Native Species- sign noting the work will be placed to identify the project and spark interest.
- b. Webster Rotary Club Grant Application - FWT was awarded the Grant!
 - o We were awarded \$2,400 to help support the construction of benches on the Hojack trail ad to help with the RE-tree plants. The Grant is awarded for the 2022-2023 Rotary year. Any supplies need to be purchased after July 1, 2022

3. **Promote:** Anna T.

- a. Group Hikes: 2022
 - o Group Hike: June 25, 10:30 am, Bird Sanctuary and Chiyoda Trail- Anna T to Lead
- b. Events: New Trail Dedication Ceremonies – Eckler Property, M Johnson – to be scheduled when trail and trail maps are complete
- c. Partnerships: WHEN/Rotary Club/ GROC
 - o WHEN (Webster Health & Education Network)- are looking for a proposed trail suggestion for P&R 5-10 yr old campers to hike. Will need printable trail map for "goodie bags" at the end of camp. Library will also partner with selecting books on hiking and the outdoors. **ACTION ITEM: Anna T. to provide Trail map**

- d. Webster Today Brochure Submission Complete – July addition will be delivered to homes July 7th

4. Open Space:

- a. Open Space - Status- Hal: Town moving forward with a New Comprehensive Plan in Board workshop on May26, 2022. Suspended plans for an Open Space Referendum. Hal/Anna to follow up on next steps.

5. Open Discussion

- a. Procedure for getting attribution when a donation is made in someone's name: Question as to how we determine when plaques are installed on the trails in memory of someone. They need to be maintained, and how long to we maintain them. Discussion will continue, goal would be minimal maintenance and still have the opportunity for donors and volunteers to we remembered.

- b. Good to see Larry Y. – thank you for all your wonderful work!

Adjourn!