

FWT Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023

Attendees: John Bottcher, Ron Happ, Hal Harris, Craig Hurlburt, Dennis Kuhn, Chris Peterson, Norma Platt, Anna Taylor, Steve Snyder, Sarah White

A. Administrative Tasks

1. Approve/Change Agenda: [OK](#)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Anna to follow up with Denise to ensure mailing list is accurate for distribution of agenda.
2. Approve Minutes from February 2023 Meeting: [Approved](#)
3. Membership Status- Denise Bilsback: [Detailed report sent to Board via email](#)
 - [218 members](#)
 - [35.5 volunteer work hours](#)
4. Review of Treasurer Report- Chris/Lynn Peterson: [Detailed report sent to Board via email](#)
 - [Report to be put in Dropbox each month instead of distribution via email.](#)
 - [Updated process for reimbursements coming.](#)
 - [All accounts now are transitioned to new Treasurer.](#)
5. Social Media – Anna Taylor
 - [FB followers: 968](#)
 - [Meetup: 430](#)
6. Website Inquiry Summary – Norma Platt: [None received this month](#)
7. Communications Update - John Boettcher
 - [Newsletter will feature the Michael A Johnson trail opening.](#)
 - [Deadline for NL articles will be in early May, with exact date to be sent to Board.](#)
8. Habitat Committee Update - Norma Platt: [No activities](#)

B. Main Topics

1. **Goals/Priorities** to Support our Mission
 - Mapping- Norma/All:
 - [Updated maps of trails and entire system completed, in addition to printable map. Maps approved by voice vote.](#)
 - [Invoice for mapping work received for \\$457. Approved for payment by voice vote.](#)
 - [Training of Norma and Hal on mapping software for future updates planned.](#)
 - Trail Use Counting – John: [No purchase yet; further investigation in process.](#)
 - Insurance – Anna: [Still in process, with investigations to Genesee Valley Land Trust, Webster Arboretum, and other organizations by Anna and Chris.](#)
 - Website updates with Re-Tree/Events/ Info – All: [Norma and Sarah will coordinate with Steve to add the “Conservation” tab to the Website and update the events.](#)
2. **Trails Planning & Maintenance:**
 - Priority projects for 2023 – Craig
 - [April 15 – Hojack trail cleanup](#)
 - [May 20 – State Road trail work](#)

- June 17 – Whiting Road Green trail & boardwalks if they are ready
 - July 27 – FMC – XC team to improve trail surfaces
 - August 19 – Clearing John Unger and Hojack drainage ditches; bench installation
 - Sept 16 – ReTree planting
 - Oct 21 – Woods property placeholder
 - Mowing schedule prepared, with 6 people for season, to be sent to Board.
 - Trailer will be purchased in next 6-8 weeks. Steve, Craig, and Chris to coordinate sale.
 - Scout liaison will work on Vosberg bridge and Hojack and Johnson trail benches, with materials to be purchased before May 1 (from Rotary grant).
 - Stewards Vests/Hats for Identification, per P&R – Anna/Hal: Vest option will have “FWT” and “Trail Steward” on them. Hats were not suitable.
 - Hojack Trail Visioning update – Anna: Parks & Rec requested information about FWT’s activities and goals. Anna will share information with Board.
 - Town of Webster Parks and Recreation Department - 5 Year Masterplan - All: Submitted to Board via email. Feedback should be sent to Anna.
3. **Re-Tree Project:** Sarah
- Seedlings from Monroe County arriving in mid-April, with potting scheduled for April 22.
 - NYS seedlings to arrive later in spring.
4. **Promote: Events/Fundraising 2023:**
- Grant Funds – status. New grant in process for ReTree.
5. **Open Space:** Hal: Investigating several new properties, including Wahl and Devil’s Cove properties.
6. **Action Items/Open Discussion:** John talked with Chris Bilow about a longer Hojack trail hike with parking at Xerox and shuttle possibility. Follow up with Village to be later.

Promote: Events/Fundraising 2023

- Community Arts Day, Saturday April 15, 10am-4pm
- Scavenger Hunt, Earth Day, Saturday April 22, Liberty Lodge
- Webster Volunteer Fair, May 11, 4pm-6pm – John/Anna
- M Johnson Preserve Trail, Ribbon Cutting/Hike - Norma
- 4 Mile Creek, Hike the New Trail – Dennis; maybe also a tree-identification hike, with details to be distributed for next meeting.
- Spring Scavenger Hunt - Emily/WHEN/Missy R
- Cars Along the Creek – Dennis
- Hot Cocoa Hike- Denise
- Annual Meeting - Anna
- Monthly Hikes: (modify format) - Anna
- Passport Program Refresh - Denise