

FNRT Minutes For December 5, 2012

Another segment of trail in Boscawen is complete

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Alex Bernhard, Tom Frantz, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Steve Rayno, Peter Southworth, Nita Tomaszewski, Bob Ward, and guests Joyce and Ellsworth Morton.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

1. Approval of October 17, 2012 minutes. Moved and approved.

2. Treasurer's Report. Steve summarized his monthly report including recent payments for the Boscawen trail building. The Franklin Savings Bank generous support was noted. The report was approved.

3. Correspondence. Tom Frantz sent an update on the Fourth of July foot race administration.

4. Old Business

a. Action items (all) Reviewed by Myra, including the trailhead agreement at the Irving Station in Franklin.

b. RTP 2012 (Nita) Nita reported on the completion of the Boscawen trail and the start of planning for next year. A suggestion to hold a future meeting in Boscawen was discussed to reach out to some Boscawen board candidates.

Nita requested authorization to serve as the grant administrator. The motion was moved and voted in unanimous support.

Alex reported that the Grafton group is seeking a grant for gravel and materials to upgrade one mile of trail north of the Danbury town garage.

c. Fundraising (Craig) Craig shared an update of foundations, trusts, businesses, and individuals for development planning.

d. Maintenance (Peter) An East Andover landowner expressed concerns about brush clearing after recent work. Alex noted the Trails Bureau indemnity agreement recently expired, but he spoke with Chris Gamache to renew that.

We discussed clearing branches to open a view of the Blackwater River in

Andover as a future workday project.

e. Land and Water Conservation Fund. (Bob) [carried]

f. Technology Report (Steve Darling) Steve had no major updates on the Web site.

g. Strategic Action Plan. (Myra) Myra noted the desire to plan an annual meeting – future discussion was carried.

h. Fourth of July Race – future administration (Tom) [carried]

i. Signage- blue state signs (Alex) [carried]

j. Reprinting rack cards. (Lindy) The new cards were printed and distributed.

k. Update on the Enfield Bridge (Alex) Alex summarized the constituents who have weighed in on preserving or taking down the bridge. It will be approximately four months before a federal decision on the bridge is made.

5. New Business

Upcoming meetings and events. The Andover Snowmobile Club's Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, January 26. The next FNRT meeting is Wednesday, January 16.

a. Annual Appeal mailing (Myra & Lindy) Myra and Lindy proposed to spend no more than \$700 on the printing. The proposal was moved and approved.

b. Carl Knoch's offer to present on publicity/increased usage (Charles). Charles will talk further with Carl about speaking with the FNRT about promoting the rail trail.

c. Granite State Rail Trail progress and logo. Charles explained the Granite State Rail Trail designation, map, and logo use. Would the FNRT want to be part of the Granite State Rail Trail? There was some support for being part of a larger trail system, but also concern about maintaining our local identity and having too many signs. Charles will summarize our feedback and respond in the near future.

d. Myra noted that we need to find a new data manager.

Andover Fish And Game Hosts Two Ice Fishing Derbies

By Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

Winter is in full swing, and that means it's time to go ice fishing with the Andover Fish and Game Club (AF&G).

The Al Chadwick Memorial Ice Fishing Derby, sponsored by AF&G, is being held on Saturday, February 2, at Kezar Lake in North Sutton. This derby is open to anyone. It costs \$10 per entry, and there will be cash prizes awarded for each category.

The derby starts at first light and ends at 1 PM. Please bring your own tackle, bait, and food. When you arrive, register at the bobhouse with the red flag on it at the west end of the lake. If you have any questions, call 735-5815.

Kids Ice Fishing Derby

The Willis Nowell Memorial Kids Ice Fishing Derby, for kids 15 and under, will be held on Eagle Pond in Wilmot (off of Route 4) on Saturday, February 23. (Bad weather date is Sunday, February 24.) Registration begins at 9 AM, and the derby runs from 9:30 AM to noon.

Tackle and bait will be provided, and there will be plenty of free food

and drink. Lucky prizes, participation ribbons, and trophies will be awarded. Come join the AF&G for a fun time with the family. Call 735-5311 with any questions.

Deer Pool Results

There were 21 entries in the Deer Pool this year. Here are the prize winners, many of whom are from Andover, in order of finish:

- Bill McGinnis, 5 pt, 206 lbs
- Duane Derosier 6 pt, 204 lbs
- Albert Morgan, 7 pt, 196 lbs
- Jerry Dagostino, 8 pt, 193 lbs
- Jeff Currier, 13 pt, 190 lbs
- Tim Tilton, 6 pt, 173 lbs
- John Braley, 7 pt, 173 lbs
- Mike Austin, 6 pt, 168 lbs
- Arthur Heino, 9 pt, 163 lbs
- Chris Cloutier, 4 pt, 152 lbs
- Jeff Barton, 6 pt, 150 lbs
- Butch McDonald, 8 pt, 150 lbs

Brian Ordway and Chuck Ellis were the winners of the \$50 cash prizes. Many thanks to Frank Szilagyi for organizing the Deer Pool, and to Bob Weeks of Smith River Trading Post for supplying the prizes and for donating to many other events.

Andover Snowmobile Club Plans Supper And SnoFest

Raffle benefits Camp Easter Seal in Gilmanton

Press release

The Andover Snowmobile Club will hold its annual Italian Buffet fundraiser on Saturday, January 26, from 5 to 6:30 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Adults, \$10; kids ages six to 12, \$5; kids five and under are free.

Come enjoy spaghetti, meatballs, hot Italian sausage, meatless sauce, lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, and a wide variety of homemade desserts.

At 6:30 PM the 50/50 drawing will

be held, and immediately following will be the 100+ multi-item raffle, with all proceeds benefiting Camp Easter Seal in Gilmanton.

Club memberships will be available, and Club clothing orders will be taken.

The Club's 10th annual Highland Lake SnoFest will be held on Saturday, February 9, at the Andover Fish and Game clubhouse on Channel Road in East Andover. Join us for an antique and vintage snowmobile show along with vintage videos and lots of hot food and drinks.



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