

FNRT-MC Minutes May 17, 2017

Condensed from draft minutes

Meeting of FNRT-MC's Board of Directors was convened by co-president Lindy Heim. Others in attendance were Nita Tomaszewski, Chris Norris, Heather Deardorff, Craig Heim, and guest Prescott Towle.

The meeting was held at Take Root Co. working Space in the Auerbach building, Franklin, New Hampshire.

Treasurer's report was submitted by e-mail from Steve Darling. We have received \$7679.85 in donations from recent annual solicitation, similar in amount to last year. 110 individuals made donations.

Correspondence was received from Chris Gamache approving application of herbicide as a trial vegetation control project on a six-mile section of rail trail in Franklin. The Board also received approval from Chris Gamache for a second trial program of using goats. This alternative program was proposed by Mary Anne Broshek of Andover. A section in Andover will be selected for the goat project, which will begin in June. The Board is happy for the opportunity to compare the effectiveness of the goat and chemical projects, probably in September.

Old Business:

Technology report: deferred in Steve Darling's absence

Trail counts report: deferred

Signage: Heather made note of our discussion from last meeting and any further discussion or action will await Jack Shields's return from vacation.

Maintenance: Blackwater Park culvert resurfacing will proceed this summer; Tom Frantz has discussed lighting with several people and this will be explored further; Vegetation control; Nita and Prescott discussed the permissions and timing of application, a special use

permit is still required and Nita will facilitate this. Prescott is aiming for an application day in one week. The process will take 6-8 hours; Agreement with state on Memorandum of Understanding regarding work on trail deferred in Alex Bernhard's absence; Call for Volunteers: Lindy reported on the success of this effort. Cathie Lisk stepped forward and has taken on the leadership of soliciting sponsors for our Web site page. She has contacted eight repeat sponsors and two new ones so far, a wonderful effort; Update on Pan Am abandonment of tracks in Concord: deferred in Alex's absence; Trail walk with Federal DOT staff members: Lindy and Myra represented the FNRT-MC on this trail walk which occurred today. 10 people attended and received a handout on our trail history prepared by Alex. A good time was had by all.

New Business: None

Action Items: Deferred

Upcoming Meetings/Activities:

National Trails Day: no formal activity planned; July 4th table on Andover town green: Peter Southworth in charge of scheduling volunteers and conducting the bike raffle; Wilmot bandstand fundraiser: Lindy will contact FNRT volunteers who live in Wilmot to recruit for help with this; Participation in Concord Market Days celebration June 22-24. Heather noted the fun she had when she represented FNRT-MC several years ago. Volunteers to host our table will be sought.

Next meeting of the FNRT-MC Board of Directors is at 7 PM on Wednesday, June 21 at the Danbury Community Center, 15 High Street, Danbury, N.H.

Heather Deardorff was given an ovation for her enthusiastic participation on the FNRT-MC Board. Heather is moving to the Washington D.C. area.

Proctor Alumni Reunion 2017 and Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On the weekend of June 2-4, Proctor Academy will welcome more than 200 alumni to campus for its annual Alumni Reunion. Alumni from all over the world, including more than a dozen members of the class of 1967 celebrating their 50th reunion, will make the trek to Andover to reconnect with each other and with the beautiful town of Andover they once called home. Throughout the weekend, groups of alumni will hike in the Proctor Woodlands, take Mountain Bike rides led by Andover's Drew Donaldson '92 and Josh Norris '92,

take art classes in the Slocumb Hall, and hang out on Proctor's land at Elbow Pond.

This year's Alumni Reunion will also feature an induction ceremony for Proctor's inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame class. Among those being inducted are Andover's Nick Fairall '07, Tim Norris, and Diane Fowler '80, as well as former Andover resident Jed Hinkley '99 and former Webster resident Carl Van Loan '98. Read more about this year's inductees on Proctor's Web site: proctoracademy.org/page/on-campus/athletics/hall-of-fame.

Andover High School Reunion

Saturday, July 8
at 10 AM

Judith Perreault

In a 1950 issue of the Blue and White Banner there was a piece called "Mirrors". Here are some excerpts: "What is a mirror? A piece of glass into which one peers hoping with every look to find himself more beautiful. To some it is, but to me a mirror is more than a looking glass. I have seen an old man's tired dark eyes so weary yet mirroring the deep satisfaction of a life well lived, of a job well done."

Join us at the Andover High School

reunion and hear the rest of this piece and who wrote it. I wonder if the person remembers it. What do our eyes reveal about our lives and what have we done since our school days? Did we reach our goals?

Come join us on Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 10.00 AM for our annual reunion and get some answers. We will be meeting at the Andover Elementary/Middle School (old high school). We will follow the usual schedule of visiting, meeting, and pictures in the morning and a pot luck lunch around Noon. Bring your own chair, beverage, and memories, but no mirrors.

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