

## The Great New England Hurricane of 1938

Program explores its causes and effects

Press release

At 1:30 PM on Sunday, May 8, Dr. Lourdes Avilés, with her collection of amazing stories and photos of the Great New England Hurricane of 1938, will be the guest speaker for the Wilmot Historical Society.

Dr. Avilés, Program Chairman and Professor of Meteorology at Plymouth State University, has been studying the causes and effects of this devastating Hurricane since she moved to New Hampshire in 2004.

She will speak to us not only about the basics of hurricane science, but about how such storms fit within their historical times and how they affect the everyday lives of the people who live through them.

Local stories, photos, people's journals, news and magazine articles of the times, and more are all part of the trove of research she will share with us.

The program will be held at the Wilmot Town Hall, 9 North Wilmot Road. Bring your own family stories, as well. Refreshments will be served at 1 PM, and Dr. Avilés will present her talk at 1:30 PM. The program is free and open to all.



Dr. Lourdes Avilés

## South Danbury Church News May 2022

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in South Danbury Church events and activities!

We are especially grateful for your donations to the South Danbury Church Essential Home Goods Shelf at the Danbury Community Center (DCC). The (non-food) home goods collection

began this year with a suggestion from Reverend Gail Kinney, and thanks to Kendra Fifield, the DCC is hosting it.

Personal care items are especially helpful. Contributions are always welcome, and can be brought to the DCC or to church services and events.

For church news, programs, and announcements of worship services, follow us on Facebook at Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church; call or text 603 491-3196; or email SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com.

If you would like to be on our mailing list, send us an email. Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help.

The South Danbury Church, located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC.

### Publicize Your Fundraiser!

## Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Minutes, March 16, 2022

Condensed from draft minutes

**Board Attendees:** Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Lindy Heim, Cody Hussey, Dustin Ladd, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Ricker Miller, Don Moyer, Chris Norris, Jack Shields

**Committee Member:** Patrice Rasche

**Welcome Guest:** Gary LeBlanc, Scenic RailRiders, Concord

**Business Matters**

**February Draft Minutes:** Unanimously approved, as corrected, to include Steve Darling's attendance at the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dustin Ladd's report highlighted FNRT's most dramatic financial action: the transfer of \$110,000 to the State of New Hampshire for purchase of the Pan Am right-of-way in Boscawen that will extend our Trail. Besides this, \$19,000 waits in reserve for the construction of this Trail extension soon.

With recent cash contributions of about \$7,000, an upcoming Annual Fund drive, and about \$26,000 in uncommitted funds, FNRT is in a good position to embark on a wide range of needed Trail improvements this year. (See discussion from the Trail Building and Maintenance Committee.)

**Committee Reports**

**Trail Building and Maintenance:** Chair Don Moyer's report focused on building of the new Boscawen extension as well as a multitude of projects on the remainder of the Trail.

Experienced chainsaw people are earnestly sought, particularly to help maintain the section between Andover and Canaan. For fun, fellowship, and further information, contact Don Moyer at MDonNH@gmail.com.

Don Moyer and Jack Shields are spearheading plans for construction of the Trail Extension in Boscawen, with no time wasted. After the recording of the deed on March 11, a meeting with NH DOT was scheduled for March 21. A Terms of Use Agreement will be designed, covering the many construction issues, such as rails, ties, brush and trees, culverts and gravel pack. Equipment will be needed, and, hopefully,

contributed – an initiative that Alex Bernhard is pursuing. Our time-line aspiration for the work is mid-summer.

In attendance, Gary LeBlanc, of Scenic RailRiders offered his perspectives on this project, and agreed to work with FNRT on design and other issues that affect us both.

In addition, Don offered a "Project Scoreboard" of 14 other worthy maintenance and improvement projects, mostly in Grafton County. With plans for a 2023 Recreational Trails Program grant application in the works, the Board voted unanimously to make two sites the basis of our application: Potato Road resurfacing (Canaan) and the Route 4 overpass at Tunnel Road (Orange).

The other projects on the "Scoreboard" will be concretized further in the near future.

**Administration and Finance:** Although this committee had no meeting or report, Myra Mayman noted plans for our Annual Appeal "Stuffing Party" on April 13, 3 PM, at the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover, to address, stuff, and mail envelopes.

**Marketing and Promotion:** Although this committee had no meeting, it happily reports the publication of the March "Get On It" FNRT Newsletter.

In addition, Amy Chan reported her plans to apply for a grant to fund a "Cycling Without Age" project, which, in collaboration with Lebanon Recreation, would provide assistance to bring more seniors onto the Trail. Amy also reported on a project in Lebanon, proposed by a local Eagle Scout, to build a new bike rack and kiosk.

**Technology:** Chair Cody Hussey reported on plans for website migration, using Squarespace. A motion for Cody to go forward with the initiative was unanimously carried.

**Exciting Events**

FNRT welcomes Governor Sununu and state officials to a celebration of the finally-achieved purchase and authority for the Boscawen Extension of the Trail, held on March 25 on Hannah Dustin Island in Boscawen.

### DANBURY WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Sat May 7th  
9am to Noon

FARMS, ARTISANS, BREAKFAST, LUNCH  
Double Snap Benefits, \$20 for Veterans

Merrimack Country Conservation District  
Spring Tree, Plant and Shrub Items  
included in our online ordering  
open a week before the market 'til 7am the  
Thursday before. Visit the Danbury Winter Market  
Page @ Harvesttomarket.com

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