

Friends of Wompatuck
Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2007

Present: Alma M, Bill B., Jim R., Jim D., Eric O., Malcolm N., Chris H., Steve G., Carol B., Jeff D. (seasonal park ranger), Donna H., Mark and Vicki S., Ron C., Steve C.

Absent:

Board updates:

Bill B.-Introductions. Brought up the next Trail Maintenance Day, Landmine and 501c3. We had a very successful park service day two weeks ago and we got coverage from the Patriot Ledger. 20-25 participants of various park user backgrounds. Steve C.- Chris H.- Group funds are strong. Details available upon request. FOW will reimburse Steve C. for funds spent for food on Park Service Day. Eric O.- Currently have 32 members. Website will be updated within the week.

Old Business:

Steve G- Park service Day summary. Two kiosks on Union Street, flower boxes in front of the gatehouse and gardening around the flagpole. Big success. Park looks much better in these areas. Volunteers were treated to pizza for FOW and NEMBA. Very successful day at Ames Nowell as well. As a side, both of the new park entrance signs were up for park service day.

501c3- Update from Chris. He just received paperwork back from the State asking for clarification. Some of the paperwork they are asking for is confusing so Chris will need to follow up with the State to get this paperwork settled before we can file for 501c3.

Plantings- Steve G. still wants to plant some trees in the park. Goal is to plant in the fall. We will need to have a small group go out with Steve some Sunday to identify areas that would benefit from plantings.

Atomic Bunker Update- They have built the framework for the sign and have done more painting. Ramp is still an issue. They appear to have the contractor lined up.

Landmine/NEMBAFEST update- We will need about 25 volunteers for the weekend. We will have multiple positions available and no experience is necessary. This is our one fund raiser so we need YOUR HELP!! Please try to be available for some amount of time on Saturday or Sunday but particularly Sunday. Jeff D stated he may know 1 or 2 EMT's who might be able to volunteer at the event. Eric will present an tentative itinerary of the w/e's events. Eric will write up a brief summary of the event and volunteer needs and present it to Starbucks.

Docks- The one at Holly Pond is still not in the water. The one at the reservoir will require a little more work. The bulkhead for the ramp still needs to be installed then it will be in the water as well. Steve G's plan is to get the Holly pond dock in the water in

the next 1-2 weeks. We need to do some type of photo opportunity with REI once it is in the water.

Finishing up the other kiosks- Steve G mentioned that he has begun finishing up the area around the Doanne Street entrance. He stated a wheelchair user frequently enters the park at this area so Steve wants to get the area repaved to make it more accessible.

New Business:

Renewing membership?- The group discussed if and when we should ask for membership renewals. The group agree that under no circumstances will a membership be under one year regardless of when the pay. Right now, we are not planning to ask for renewals until next year, probably 2008.

June the 2nd Trail Day- This is a Saturday. Sponsored by NEMBA/FOW. REI will be sponsoring the event and should bring in many volunteers. We will be building 4 new bridges and doing trail work for the race. We will need a variety Need to go through the course and identify areas to be hardened, cleared, etc. Lunch will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM unanimously by the group.

The next meeting 7/16 then 8/20.

Respectfully submitted

Eric Oddleifson