

Does not meet 48 hour Requirement

Topic: Town Forest Committee meeting

Time: March 14, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://Dell.zoom.us/j/93089137303?pwd=ZmdMMk4wK1dnSnJid080ditSRVc0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 930 8913 7303

Passcode: 500138

In attendance via Zoom: Gary Riggott, Liana Cosgrove, Justin Monta, Matt Lundsten, Tom Schneider

Guests:

Mike Mansen (mmansen1984@gmail.com)

John (johnswindlehurst@gmail.com)

Len : yeomans@neponset.org - to discuss April 22nd 9am-12pm

- Call to order 7:00pm
- Acceptance of Minutes: 3-0
- Open Time for Community at Large
- Treasurer's Report – Liana reported \$3,840.60

New Business:

- Neponset River Cleanup – April 22nd from 9am-12pm event at the Walpole town forest
 - Invite Len to discuss event
 - Turco field spot needs a little cleaning up from last event

- Other test project sites:
 1. new white pines (near high school)
 2. white pines on east parcel – need help in finding area, can call Steve for help
 3. Parking lot at south street
 4. Clean up pollinator garden
 5. Try to find large plants to mark off (September) to cut down in winter time – north side of fire road near public works – bittersweet vine – talk in January
- Expanding town forest committee members topic from Gary (Aoife said we are at capacity (3 regular members, 2 associate members))
- DCR poster contest judging was successful – thanks Chris
- Update on mapping project: to make new signs to make it easier to navigate in the Walpole woods, Endean trail, & Pinnacle trail. Barbara from Trails committee is leading this project. Work date ~October time frame
- Gary's list of ideas – Town of Walpole Finance in process of \$20k funding for below projects (need to stack rank):
 - Bench near boardwalk - Spring 2023 projects
 - Glen bridge – install sidings / project for this summer – between boardwalk and Jarvis Farm - Spring 2023 projects
 - Bog bridge – secure with screws, easy to unscrew for gas pipeline - Spring 2023 projects
 - Jarvis farm erosion between boardwalk and farm – Justin / DPW team working to complete during winter
 - Metacomet Rail trail – kiosk at south Walpole 1A playing fields
 - Working on engineering companies for assessment. Tom to connect with resource who helped with boardwalk project
 - Extend trail under common street and working with Norwood trails to extend trails to Norwood Stop and Shop

- Stairs at Endean trail – behind ever so humble pie, steep embankment
- erosion area near basketball courts. Channel water with diverters. Weekend of 9/24th - phase 1 complete (diverters, mulch). Phase 2 – another corner near river needs work. Lots of roots exposed
- Quarterly meetings are scheduled on second Tuesday of month. 2023 meetings are March 14th, June 13th, September 12th, December 12th