

Friends of Goodwin Forest

July 11, 2024

Present: D.&K. May, B. Marshall, S. Crawford, L. Kochiss L. Warren, E. Logee-Savoie, G. Newcome, L. Brant, D.Fowler

Meeting called to order by Lynne W. at 1:08

Minutes from last meeting deferred until next meeting.

Treasurer report: Dave reported that trail day grossed \$8,583. From January 2024 to June 30, 2024 our balance is \$44,287. Our net income for this time was \$4,400. This information was obtained from CFPA. Dave noted we need a balance sheet from CFPA. Stan made a motion to buy an on line version of quick books for Dave. Passed unanimously. Lynne W. and Dave to set up a meeting with CFPA accountant.

Goodwin Center/CFPA: Lori gave a brief history regarding the relationship between CFPA/Goodwin and DEEP. She reported that CFPA is no longer interested in a personal service agreement (PSA) with Goodwin, however they are interested in the Windham School program, which is funded by a grant. They also offered to do public programs, one a month for a total of \$24K which would be paid through the Goodwin Endowment. She noted that there are no approved positions for Goodwin at this time, but she is diligently working to obtain a new position, but noted that this will take some time. She also noted that we are in a fairly good position because of the endowment, which provides some financial compensation for a position and will look into getting information on the endowment for our next meeting. She informed us that the seasonal employees are paid through the passport to parks. Adam Drouin resigned this week and was replaced with a "float employee," Molly Garrahy, who will cover programs at Goodwin on Thursday and Saturday. Chelsea Knyff is also here on Thursdays and Saturdays. She also reported that DEEP has a new Director of Operations, Jeremy Hall, who supports her vision regarding staffing for education. Hall is currently acting as director of state parks until that position, formerly run by Tom Tyler, is filled.

Forestry Day Planning: Forestry Day event is still proceeding on September 28, 2024. Discussion took place. It was decided to team up with NCLI(no child left inside) who will coordinate so we will not have to get special licenses and it will also have a wider reach as far as advertising for the event.

Membership: Lynn K. reported that she has gone back to a starting point of January 2022. At this time we have 160 members, and of those, 92 have paid. This represents 58%. She will revisit this issue when we become independent. At Forestry Day, we will encourage folks to join on-line.

Trail Run 2024: Bill reported that this was the 10th anniversary of the trail run and they had 218 runners, a very good turnout. The net income was \$4,400, and donations were \$768. He said that it was a great day and for next year the organizing team is already in place. He noted that 6 states were represented and they had 1 international runner. Bill informed us that he will be transitioning away from the run. Bill gave a recap of the past 10 years: The trail run made \$26,700 for friends, and 1,641 runners participated. He gave a special shout out thank you to Stan and the towns of Chaplin and Hampton.

Trails: Glen no report.

Gardens: Lynne W. reported that the garden gang is editing the gardens and our work days will continue to be on Mondays. She noted the worms are ever present, but because we are working the soil, the plants are surviving. She also reported that Matt has requested pea stone and stone dust to be used on the pathways, the pavilion and new picnic area. Motion was made for a \$1,000 donation be made for this. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

Submitted by Emily Logee-Savoie

Next meeting is August 22, 2024 at 1pm.