

Mendon Town Forest

Minutes of October 1, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1040. Present Sue Barnett, Ryan Oliva, Bill Dakai, Paul and Patrice Doucette.

Minutes from prior meeting read; Ryan motioned to accept, Paul seconded, passed unanimously.

Discussed volunteer hour calculations. Have approached Amanda about correct format. Bill will gather all his info and organize it. We will schedule a meeting exclusively for tallying up.

We chose the format for the letter of invitation to be sent to the Board of Selectmen, Parks Department, Community Preservation, Conservation Commission, and Land Use Committee – brown in Times New Roman Bold. Paul will email to above recipients.

Discussed route for “discovery walk” – Shirley’s Path to Big Wall, to outbuildings, down Taft to Anchor Rock, orange trail to “dance hall”, then through pines to the quarry, then yellow trail to the mill, out to the stone bridge, then split rock, then back up Taft to the main house and out. Discussed whether to stagger groups or to do the walk in reverse – decided to play it by ear that day. Also discussed whether we needed to schedule a rain date – decided that we would walk unless it was downpouring. Ryan and Bill will clean up shortcuts just prior to event. Paul will rearrange the history to correspond with order of the walk, send to us for corrections, then Sue will print about 40 copies as handouts. Bill was curious about the need for a liability waiver – it was decided that Anne Mazar would have let us know if one was required.

As it is doubtful that what we have been calling the “dance hall” is actually that, it was decided just to call all the foundations other than the main house “outbuildings”.

Ryan will work on a QR code to mount on the kiosks so that visitors can download map on site.

Meeting adjourned at 1145