

MAC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Jaffrey Civic Center

ATTENDEES	AGENDA
✓ Ann Royce (Town of Jaffrey)	1. Welcome & Introductions
✓ Will Kirkpatrick (Monadnock State Park)	2. Review of minutes from previous meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Deegan (SPNHF)	3. MAC Financial Report
✓ Dave Adams (Town of Troy)	4. Monadnock SP Manager's update
<input type="checkbox"/> Don Upton (Town of Troy)	5. Division of Parks & Recreation update
<input type="checkbox"/> Ed Germain (Town of Dublin)	6. Division of Forests and Lands update
✓ Hiel Lundquist (Town of Fitzwilliam)	7. SPNHF update
<input type="checkbox"/> Jane Difley (SPNHF)	8. MERE update
✓ John Smith (Town of Jaffrey)	9. Open
✓ Peter Palmiotto (Antioch, MERE)	10. Set date for next meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Phil Bryce (Parks & Recreation)	11. Adjourn
<input type="checkbox"/> Polly Pattison (Town of Marlborough)	
✓ Robin Blais (Chair, Town of Fitzwilliam)	
✓ Sterling Abram (Town of Dublin)	
✓ Tara Blaney (Parks & Recreation)	Guests:
<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Rogalski (Town of Marlborough)	Tom Mansfield – DCNR
✓ Wendy Weisiger (SPNHF)	Logan Thorner – Monadnock State Park
✓ Matt Scaccia (SPNHF)	Scott Rolfe – Forests and Lands

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Review of minutes from previous meeting

- Minutes approved

3. MAC Financial Report

- Balance \$2,770.38, no change since February

4. Monadnock SP Manager's update

- This Foliage Season we'll be trying out a new parking reservation system:
 - 30 reservable spots, \$15 per vehicle – flat fee for up to 6 people for this trial period.
 - Good all day, at least for now. Once they leave we can re-park that spot.
 - Questions-
 - Are we privileging the privileged? We'll still have mostly non-reserved spots, this is a first step toward some kind of cut-off. Also it will allow people driving 3 hours to the park a way to not be turned away to GPA.
 - Similar thing at Mt Major (SPNHF)? That's in the works but still far away.

- Not everyone has a smart-phone, will this exclude them? No, you can make reservations on a computer or call RA. You can show your reservation on your smartphone, but can also print it or we could look you up by name.
- The new Toilet Building is completed!
 - Going great so far. Wonderful hiker comments, love being able to close either side to clean the other.
 - October 4th – SPAC meeting at 10 AM, then 1:30 ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Park
 - Power line looks better than expected to...we haven't received a single complaint.
- First Day Hike will be at Monadnock this year. It moved to other parks for a couple years, back again this New Year.
- Manager's MAC Report attached separately.
 - The full year's numbers including Foliage Season will be reported in March meeting, the figures in this report are just through September.
 - More rescues than usual this year. No discernable cause, location or pattern.
 - Focus this year has been on staff development and training.

5. Division of Parks & Recreation update

- State Budget has been approved, no longer working under Continuing Resolution. It was a challenge, as parks typically spend 70% of their budget in the first 3 months.
- Question- how are the barriers at Franconia Notch going? We think kind of OK, though may not have decreased the number of hikers.
- (this agenda item and #4 got a bit muddled, some of what is listed under Monadnock was discussed here)

6. Division of Forests and Lands update

- Rhodo timber project went to Round 2 Timber – they just did the sale at Pearly Lake
- Will start making the landing in a couple of weeks.
- Looking at part of Monadnock's west side maybe 2 years out This is just a very preliminary FYI, but here are the ideas:
 - The Sawyer lot, Wheeler lot, a small part of the Jaffrey lot
 - Maybe access agreement w/Forest Society off the Toll road?
 - Above 2000' is the Reserve, they won't be in there.
 - Will do a view-shed study, wouldn't do anything SPNHF wouldn't do.
 - Will they chip on-site? That's up to the contractor.

7. SPNHF update

- Matt Scaccia introduced – will be taking over Partnership, working with Parks, etc.
- Matt and Will had a visit with Deb DiQuinzio from NPS about Monadnock's National Natural Landmark status. No action steps, just interesting.
- Monadnock Trails Week was a success, though it was shortened to 3 days by excessive heat.
 - 39 volunteers, some came multiple days.
 - Work was on Dublin Trail (water bars) and the White Arrow (rock steps), with a new instructor Karl Sebago who was a great addition to the team.
 - Gates at Gap Mtn. Parking to close during mud season.
 - Someone was plowing Gap South...? Nobody's sure who.
 - Timber harvest planned at Gap South. Marking now, plan to do over winter.

- Q: Wasn't there an agreement with homeowner for no more logging trucks? A: that person is no longer there.
- As of Tuesday we have a new President – Jack Savage. Last president was there for 23 years.

8. MERE update

- Meet the Mountain Day will be October 19th, trying Fall instead of Spring this time (Flier passed around).
- Summit Steward Erica is heading up to ADK Stewardship Training.
- Jill Weiss has been looking at Monadnock as part of the Northeast Alpine Stewardship Network – research on-going. Looking at trends in impact - Human waste, painting rocks, etc. Looks like Cairn-building and trash is declining.

9. Open Floor

- Q: is the Master Plan required to be reviewed every 10 years? A: No, not a requirement. We're excited for the Carrying Capacity study - that would likely do more to inform further decisions.
- Public Notice of next meeting should be in Ledger & Sentinel

10. Set date for next meeting

- March 19th, 4pm to 6pm at the Jaffrey Civic Center.

11. Adjourn