

## Monadnock Advisory Commission

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 3, 2016

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Monadnock State Park

ATTENDEES	AGENDA
✓ Ann Royce (Town of Jaffrey)	1. Site visit to Monadnock SP - HQ
✓ Beth Kintz (Monadnock State Park)	<del>2. Welcome &amp; Introductions</del>
✓ Carrie Deegan (SPNHF)	3. Review of minutes from previous meeting
✓ Dave Adams (Town of Troy)	4. MAC Financial Report
✓ Don Upton (Town of Troy)	<del>5. Division of Parks &amp; Recreation update</del>
✓ Ed Germain (Town of Dublin)	6. Monadnock SP Manager's update
✓ Hiel Lundquist (Town of Fitzwilliam)	7. Monadnock SP Volunteer Program update
<input type="checkbox"/> Jane Difley (SPNHF)	8. SPNHF update
✓ John Smith (Town of Jaffrey)	9. MERE update
✓ Peter Palmiotto (Antioch, MERE)	<del>10. Gap Mtn signage</del>
✓ Phil Bryce (Parks & Recreation)	11. Interpretation & Education planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Polly Pattison (Town of Marlborough)	12. Open Floor
✓ Robin Haynes (Chair, Town of Fitzwilliam)	13. Set date for next meeting
✓ Sterling Abram (Town of Dublin)	14. Adjourn
✓ Tara Blaney (Parks & Recreation)	Guests:
<input type="checkbox"/> Will Abbott (SPNHF)	Johanna Lyons - DRED
✓ Dan Rogalski (Town of Marlborough)	Tom Mansfield - DRED
✓ Wendy Weisiger (SPNHF)	Lee Willette- Monadnock SP/vol. coordinator
✓ Sam Judson (Monadnock State Park)	Frank Bequart – SPNHF volunteer

1. Site visit to Monadnock SP – HQ

-Toll Booth

-Hopefully will be built this winter

-There is road work needed for any of the proposed designs

-Parking Lot Expansion

-Second Lot is going to be widened

-We are looking at expanding on both sides

-Ledge on one side, significant drop on the other

-Goal is to be paved and striped to increase self-parking capacity

-Bathrooms

-The OTB site is not appropriate for a composting toilet building due to ledge

-New pit toilets may be appropriate for that site

-Other possible sites around the second lot and picnic area were looked at

-Visitor Center

-The possibility of creating a modular visitor center to be added onto as funds are available was raised

- There are three possible locations; behind the current store site, between the “wasteland” and the reservoir, and on the current site of the Main Toilet Building
- The “wasteland” needs continuing work
- Additional questions
  - Does the master plan need to be updated? No consensus or motions
  - What is the human carrying capacity of the mountain?
  - What is the impact of the park on local towns?
  - What technology is available to address capacity issues?
- Tom Mansfield presents blueprints
  - Ideas for the visitor center/composting toilet behind current store
  - two separate possibilities
    - One lot with 80 spots, little dirt work
    - One with 113 spots, far more site work required
  - Toll booth plans may change the structure of the first lot
  - Picnic area should be maintained as a park like setting, despite parking
- Recapping points made during walk around
  - We need retail space, office, restrooms in the visitor center
  - The possibility of a classroom space was brought up by Peter (Antioch)
  - Friends of Monadnock concept might still be available to raise funding for these projects
  - Congestion patterns and purpose of the building should be thought of rather than just putting a building as an emergency measure

## ~~2. Welcome & Introductions~~

3. Review of minutes from previous meeting
  - Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, passed
4. MAC Financial Report
  - Balance at last meeting \$3230.43
  - Expenditures = \$445.05
    - New checks, 25.05
    - Two checks to Christopher Kintz and Beth Kintz which were approved at the previous meeting for WFA and CPR \$210 per person
  - Current balance is \$2785.38

## ~~5. Division of Parks & Recreation update~~

6. Monadnock SP Manager’s update
  - HQ day use visitation ytd 92,804
  - Youth Group Camping collected on site \$18156
  - Retail \$92407
  - OTR 16,270 visitors, Day Use Dollars \$72,704
  - GPA only one turn away day leading to lower totals
  - 2775 visitors, Day Use Dollars \$11243
  - Camping \$13644
  - Retail \$17424
  - Iron Rangers
    - \$5193.70
  - all areas, revenue up, but visitation a little lower
  - Spring start up came early
  - Police Detail on Columbus Day was very helpful, will look to expand that coverage, especially at OTR
  - Maintenance Supervisor role created and aimed at addressing the maintenance backlog around the park
  - Renovated office building, Repaired Main water line

-Ski Trails and Nature Trail were finally dug out

7. Monadnock SP Volunteer Program update

- 49 volunteers, over 1900 hours this year
  - 600 hours trail work
    - trails Week 657 hours
    - x country ski trails 75 hours on 5 miles of ski trails
  - 127 hours ops
  - 199 hours SAR assistance
  - 700 Mt. Patrol Hours
  - 28 summit hosting
  - 90 hours camp hosting
  - 22 hours litter and graffiti removal
  - 5 hours sign making
  - 22 hours training
  - 115 coordinator hours
- Next summer, interpretive work will be done on the nature trail

8. SPNHF update

- Great trails week
  - 55 volunteers
- 2 Pro Crews working, OTBP and the Jolly Rovers
- Timber harvest around Marlborough trail
- Starting around December, approximately 1 month long operation
- In the next year or two, further harvesting will be done
- Interpretive work will be done to engage the hiking community
- No plans for SPNHF to improve Shaker Farm Road, still a town road and Jaffrey is responsible

9. MERE update

- Cairn Signage study
  - 50% of visitors are unaware of their purpose
  - New signage developed, initial studies show that signs help with awareness and usefulness
- Meet the MT day went well
- Summit stewards reached about 1500 people
- Lots of time spent at the trail head this year
- Next year, research plots will be resampled

~~10. Gap Mtn signage~~

11. Interpretation & Education planning

- Student Conservation Association partnership discussion
- SCA carries out education program for the Parks, both in the parks and in schools
- SCA Conservation Corps does trail work around the state
- Plan is being discussed to supplement the SCA at Monadnock with an Antioch Intern
- Guides are still not selling well

12. Open Floor

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13. Set date for next meeting

- Next meeting set for March 23, 2017 4 pm

14. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn, seconded and carried