

MINOT FOREST COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting Minutes 12/04/2014

B1 (basement) - Wareham Town Hall 54 Marion Road Wareham

Present: Sandy Slavin (chair), Sandra Devlin (clerk), Angela Dunham

Open meeting at 04:07 pm, close meeting at 04:50pm

Minutes from the meeting held on 11/06/14 minutes were approved 3-0-0

Guests: Sarah Gossett and Rob Hancock from Save Buzzards Bay Coalition

Joe Ligett from CPC and Open Space

**CONDITION OF TRAILS – WALK AND DOCUMENT – CLEARING;** Committee members have cleared the trail head signs. And the steps at Minot School have been inspected by Open Space.

**Red Pine Harvest-Replanting and Parking Area:** Fitzgerald Tree Service has not made contact.

**New Business:**

Sarah and Rob spoke of what they would like to do on behalf of the Save Buzzards Bay Organization. Their requests ask for the approval of 2 projects

The first project would be a Reading book project along the Minot Trails. This would take place in February. Pages of a story book would be nailed on the trees for parents and children to read as they walk the trails. The stories would be changed on each Saturday of the month. What trails as well as parking were discussed with the Forest Committee members. Parking was suggested to be behind Minot school or the access point. Trails suggested were C and O as well as B and W. Committee members will check the conditions of these 2 trails. Both these trails loop around. The age group for this project would be pre-school and up to 8 years

The committee voted 3-0 in favor of this project.

The second project, still in the planning stages, would include:

- Improving the infrastructure for outside projects. Included in the project would be making the trail markers more informative. Possible ideas include color coding of the trails and indicating trail length.
- Getting children more involved in the outdoors. Trails could be included in classroom and/ or afterschool projects.

Sarah and Rob have done this project in Fairhaven and had good success. They showed us some of the pages that they use. Asking questions of the children such as what birds do you hear, what types of vegetation you see. General questions that teach the children about the trails and the nature that is found along them.

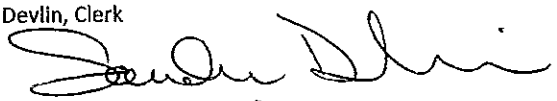
Suggestions to get Sarah and Rob on both the Board of Selectman and School Board Committee meeting agendas were made. Rob and Sarah will get back to this committee in January or February, 2015 with more plans for the second project.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None**

**Next Meeting: Thursday January 8th.**

Submitted

Sandy Devlin, Clerk

  
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