

OHCC Meeting Minutes Tuesday February 14, 2023

1. Approved January minutes.
2. **Select Board** – No report.
3. **Treasurers Report** – Moved to March meeting.
4. **Website** - *Stuart Rich* reported 143 web page hits.
5. **February Meeting Facilitator** –*Jim Devery* will facilitate next month’s meeting.
6. **Maine Council of Governments – Sustainability and Resilience Project** – *Kathryn DerMarderosian* updated the group on the progress being made by the MCOG group.
7. **2023 Calendar Review** – The group reviewed the items that were described during the January meeting. The group suggested that the Plaisted Celebration event should be moved to July.
8. **Website Content** – The group briefly discussed the website content and plan to revisit this topic next month.
9. **Plaisted** –
 - The February work day was canceled due to extremely cold weather.
 - *Beth Long* and *Lauren Swartzbaugh* have engaged several organization to investigate long term solutions to the tree root problem at the preserve.
 - *Beth Long* outlined the neighbor’s concerns regarding the recent suspicious activities at the preserve. The group agreed that the sheriff should be called if further incidents occur.
10. **From the floor** - The group discussed the following topics.
 - *Dick Carver* is looking for help moving gravel at Harbor Park. The group doesn’t feel that we are able to assist with this type of work.
 - **South Thomaston CC Conference** – The South Thomaston CC group reached out to see if OH would participate in a regional CC conference later this year; the group agreed that this was a good idea and wants to participate.
 - *Kathryn DerMarderosian* will investigate the construction costs of an ADA compliant trail at Plaisted. She believe grant money may also be available.

- **Education Events -**
 - **Beth Long** suggested that hosting a Chewonki Program at Ash Point School would help raise community awareness of conservation matters. She provided the following [link](#).
 - **Kathryn DerMarderosian** described the Muir Trail Walk program and offered to see if a session could be held in OH.
 - **Beth Long** updated the group on the expectation that the Brown Tail Moth infestation will likely hit OH this year and explained that **Rebecca Jacobs** from **Knox County Soil and Water Conservation** has been holding programs to raise awareness about how this pest impacts our environment. Beth will investigate the feasibility of holding one of **Rebecca's** session locally.
 - **Kathryn DerMarderosian** explained that **Claire Raymond** is interested in using the **Plaisted Preserve** as her focus for a poetry project called **Writing for the Land**. She will provide a link.

Attendees

Kathryn DerMarderosian

Jim Devery

Beth Long

Stuart Rich

Chris Anthony

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 14 at 6:00 PM at the OH Library