

# OHCC Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 29, 2023 (Rescheduled from 3/14)

1. Approved February minutes.
2. **Select Board** – Discussed the airport petition.
3. **Treasurers Report** – *Robin White* updated the group on the account status.
4. **Website** - *Stuart Rich* explained that the OH office had uploaded prior minutes to the CC web page; he will handle this process in the future. The group also discussed updates to the website and decided to link to the [State of Maine's Wildlife page](#).
5. **Meeting Facilitator** – *Kathryn DerMarderosian* will remain Chair of OHCC until a someone else steps forward. The group will continue to rotate the meeting facilitator position on a monthly basis. *Robin White* will facilitate in April.
6. **2023 Calendar Review**
  - The group discussed scheduling a Spring **Plaisted** work day after the professional trail improvement plans are finalized.
  - *Kathryn DerMarderosian* outlined signage plans for **Plaisted**; she will obtain quotes and forward them to the Treasurer.
7. **Website Content** – See above.
8. **Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program** – Moved to April.
9. **Plaisted Preserve Access Improvement Grant** – *Robin White* explained that the effort to apply for this grant was large and its entry deadline was March 3rd; we passed on this.
10. **Plaisted Neighbor Complaint** – *Beth Long* explained (email) that the neighbor is satisfied with the resolution of the issue at the preserve; thank you *Beth* for handling this.
11. **OH Roadside Cleanup** – The group discussed the cleanup effort and outlined the following.
  - The cleanup date is April 29.
  - *Jim Devery* will reserve the OH Community Room as an organization site, (8 AM to 1 PM).
  - *Kathryn DerMarderosian* will prepare our flier and coordinate efforts to involve Ash Point students.
  - *Lauren Swartzbaugh* will post our flier on social media.
  - Final details will be worked out during our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
12. **MCHT Request (Sheep Island)** – The group agreed that we should support the MCHT effort to investigate public interest in **Sheep Island**. *Robin White* will follow up.
13. **Other** - *Kathryn DerMarderosian* updated the group on several item that were previously discussed.
  - **Brown Tail Moth** – Evening light pollution contributes to the spread of the **Brown Tail** moth. Every effort to minimize these conditions should be undertaken.
  - *Kathryn* also mentioned that *Annette Naegel* will be providing information about safe pesticide use and night sky conservation.

- **Plaisted ADA Trail** – After a further review of the **Plaisted** terrain, it appears that construction of an **ADA** compliant trail would require substantial fill potentially altering the preserve’s character. An effort at Harbor Park would be simpler.

**Attendees**

Chris Anthony

Jim Devery

Robin White

Kathryn DerMarderosian

Stuart Rich

**Next Meeting: Tuesday April 11 at 6:00 PM at the OH Library**