

May 1, 2013 Minutes of Brooksville Friend and Neighbors
Present: Sally and Edson Blodgett, Lola Bogyo, Joan MacCracken
Discussions

1. Walking and Wheel-chair/Walker accessible trail on Young's Point Road

We have arranged to have Julie Isbil from National Parks Service come look at the town's two acre site. Prior to her arrival on June 5th, the afternoon before our Wednesday evening meeting, we hope to have a group of local land experts walk the boundaries and investigate the land. We realize that the land has issues such a terrible blow down, wet spots, and perhaps few good trees, so we do want to be sure t his sight is worth the effort to make it a viable trail system. BFN will go slowly in the evaluation and hope to keep the selectmen abreast of our progress. So far, we are only in the exploratory phase. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to our BFN meetings, always the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. This land consists of two and 1/3 acre parcel (lot 42C) donated by Sumner Limburger in Aug, 2002.

We will try to have Rob Kimball, Brian Keegstra, Al Abrahamson, and Bruce Rutland walk the land with us and give their opinions. We will also try to invite Mike Fowler to look at the area. First we need to mark the boundaries fromthe GPS coordinates given with the deed transfer. The landowners on both sides of the property and across the road live out of state and the lands are undeveloped. The parcel borders the 40 plus acres owned by Castine Brooksville Conservation Trust.

2. Review of status of At Home Downeast. As of the end of April AHD now has 54 members in the Peninsula and 69 volunteers. As the word spreads and new members join, we need to keep up with the number of volunteers, hopefully spread around in all the towns that are gaining members. We are planning to have another Volunteer training Day peninsula wide. The easiest way to increase our numbers of volunteers would be for EACH current AHD volunteer to try to get one new person interested in volunteering. We believe that a current volunteer personally contacting a new potential volunteer and explaining the program and the relative ease and control of the volunteering time would be best. With this effort we would double our volunteer list. So far, transportation remains the biggest need, and with our email system, in general, needed rides are filled. But as our membership grows, so will the need for rides. Many volunteers have commented on the pleasure they have received by helping their older neighbors. Kara Janes is now the director of the program.

It is also true that we could use office help on prescheduled hours if a more consistent time for volunteering is preferable to your schedule. As much as possible we are trying to keep this an all volunteer program except for our director. Friday mornings we could use office help, when Kara is not in. Help with the newsletter and special events are welcomed too. Share your talents.

For further information you can go to the website by googling At Home Downeast WHCA or phone Kara Janes at 374-5852. Thanks for any assistance you can give us.

3. Annual Brooksville Community Memorial Walk for those Brooksville residents who died in 2012. The date is Sunday July 21st. The walk starts at the north end of Varnumville Road. Eight citizens died, Roscoe Rankin, Jr, Philip Billings, Ruby Howard, Frank Bell, Sr., Grace Dillon, Wayne Grindle, Granville Henthorne, Jeanne Twitchell. Please put this event on your calendar and come share a morning walk and a quiet moment to honor those who have died this past year. And after we will have tea and baked goods at Tinder Hearth. Anyone wishing to provide music or readings is invited to contact Joan at 326-0916.

Next Meeting June 5th Wed at 6:30pm. All welcome. Bring your new ideas.