

Newsletter and Program report 6/7/20

I think we should plan to put out a newsletter in the near future to maintain contact and interest within our membership.

I will contact Rachel Calderera at Wildlands Trust soon, now that the state has entered phase 2 of reopening to see when she thinks we might be able to reschedule Melissa Ferretti's program on the Wampanoag history and culture.

I spoke with Rali Pulis to see if she would be willing to co-chair the HPWA picnic if we decide that we can go ahead with some form of it in August, and she agreed to.

I do not think that we should try to combine an annual meeting with the picnic.

Don and I are willing to offer our backyard as a location for the Annual membership meeting. There is plenty of room to spread out and an outdoor venue is safer. We can set up benches and chairs in the grass appropriately spread out and tables for refreshments if we want them. There is quite a bit of parking in our driveway and our neighbor's driveway next door. I can line up a speaker as well. We should discuss this proposal Monday night.

Once some of these decisions are made I will notify all of a deadline for articles and information and put together a newsletter with notice of the slate of officers and the proposed revision of the By-laws, as well as upcoming plans for membership meetings and activities.

Anyone who thinks of something that should be included in the newsletter please let me know.

I have begun resuming plans for stenciling beside the street drains with a message to warn not to dump into the drains as they lead to our ponds, or streams or water supply. Patrice O'Connor indicated that she is very willing to help with this project and I have emailed Kim Tower to seek the DMEA approval and support.

I dug up and potted many plants for sale to benefit my garden club as I usually do. But I also emailed board members ahead of the sale to let them know if they wanted to purchase any plants I would donate that money to HPWA. Only Patrice came by, but she purchased \$53 worth and I have her check for John. I still have a number of plants if anyone is interested and will donate the proceeds to HPWA.

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