



FFINS agenda  
June 13, 2017 – 6:00pm  
River room

Called to order: 6:15 PM

Adjourned: 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by R. Kantro

**ATTENDANCE:**

Dave Hansen, Renee Kantro, Peter Maust, Kelly Fellner, Kathy Krause, Brian O’Keefe, Regina Casale

**Minutes** Peter motion to accept, Dr. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Announcements**

Pollinator Garden every Saturday 9am to 11am

**Treasurer’s report** – Linda Trippiedi: Absent no report.

**Reports**

- Thursday, May 18 – visit to Appalachian Mt. Club (AMC) – Atlantique
- Dr. Dave reported: Visit went well –big interest however, Anita Barberis, Coordinator for AMC was let go under questionable circumstances. AMC members upset. Letters were written regarding this action and now the FFINS connection to the AMC is on hold. Until an AMC coordinator is found.
- June 1, 2017: By-Laws Committee led by Brian O’Keefe, esq. Brian wrote up the by-laws, Renee to scan and email out to members for review. Deadline for comments is June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday, June 3 – Tri Hamlet Day – WFE (Manor St. George, William Floyd Estate, Nathanael Cemetery). Kelly and Kathy reported: Nice event, well 175 people came to the FINS NPS table.
- Saturday June 10 – World Environmental day – Shore Front park. Went well
- Sunday, June 11 – MLMUT VIP Ranger led tour to Sailor’s Haven: Dr. Dave and Regina reported: Friends of Fire Island National Seashore welcome Diversity. Event went very well. Well attended. The Turkish Cultural Center and Gallo supplied refreshments.
- Main event set for Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Ferry prices for Sayville: \$13 pp. RT (reg \$14) Parking \$18 will add to the cost. We are looking into the idea of departure at WH if we can secure a charter ferry

- We are having many challenges securing a ferry for the main event. NPS Kelly and Chris will intervene on our behalf to secure a ferry. The date we picked is the busiest weekend because it's the last weekend before Labor Day.
- Invite/flyer to be created by Regina's creative team. Renee submitted a flyer with language and sponsor. Levels to help out with the design. Regina is seeking a partnership with Health First.
- David Kennedy from the Chamber will email Chamber members for solicitation of sponsorship.
- Next meeting for MLUT-FI Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. 12:30-2:30 pm @Watch Hill after Gardening program.
- Peter Maust: Suffolk septic system program overview: Event was held at the Patch Y. Pilot program for watershed areas. Grants available for 400 homeowners. If pilot goes well, septic systems will be for all new homes as well as those homes needing cesspool replacements.

### **Upcoming events**

- Thursday, June 27 – proposed visit to meet with Friends of Weir Farm in CT. Dr. Dave to set-up car pool and Ferry to the site. FFINS wants to extend our reach and find other friends groups as benchmarks. This site is the homestead of a famous landscape painter, J. Alden Weir.

Dr. Dave is trying to build connections-outreach with other friends groups:

- October 13-15 – National Park Conservation Association – Northeast Friend's convention (NPCA-NE) at Hyde Park, NY
- October 17-19 – National Park Foundation (NPF) Friends Alliance meeting at Acadia National park

**Patchogue Rotary Grant:** Renee submitted request for \$500

### **SBU Orientation Tour of Fire Island for international students**

- Sept. 17
- SJC-FFINS
- Need to arrange meeting with SBU people

### **Other Business:**

- Dr. Dave reported that FFINS got a new credit card. However it is only for \$2000. So he is looking for another card with a higher credit amount.
- Adrienne Esposito, Friends of the Environment asked FFINS to sign a letter to help "Save the EPA". All were in favor. FFINS will support her appeal.
- Hispanic Month-Sept, 30<sup>th</sup>. Regina looking to set-up some FFINS programs during this month.
- Dr. Dave: Quogue Wildlife has programs that FFINS should use models for developing programs at Watch Hill.