

Reversing Falls Sanctuary  
*Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting*

**Present in Zoom:** Camilla, Daksha, Gary, Kathleen, Lisa, Ralph, Sheila

**Facilitator:** Kathleen

**Recorder:** Lisa

1. **Opening:** Kathleen shared an inspirational spring poem she wrote, *The Mighty Snowdrop*.
2. **Agenda reviewed.** No changes.
3. **Minutes from the last meeting were approved.**
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Monthly report sent by Ralph prior to the meeting.
  - a. Discussion followed about tracking the source of donations to be able to determine effectiveness of appeals. Efforts will be made to do this going forward.
  - b. Appeal donations appear to be falling short compared to past years.
  - c. The Annual Report and 990 form have been filed.
5. **Program Report:** Detailed report sent by Gary prior to the meeting.
  - a. The board approved having RFS, as an organization, sign the petition to Harvard seeking a return of indigenous remains to the Wabanakis.
    - i. **Action item:** Gary to follow up with doing this.
6. **Building and Grounds Report:** Detailed report sent by Daksha earlier.
  - a. The "to do" list was discussed and prioritized in order to only complete work necessary to make the building safely functional for when it will begin to be used again.
    - i. **Action item** Daksha will follow up with getting more pricing and cost estimates from contractors for doing LED lighting, egress steps from bathroom door, driveway expansion, two new doors, iron filter for water system, refurbishing and hanging RFS sign, and shed roof repair.
  - b. **Action item:** Daksha will be sending an email to solicit volunteers for spring clean up days on the grounds.
  - c. Discussion about pursuing the EV charging station grant. Many unanswered questions exist.
    - i. **Action item:** Lisa will contact granting organization to attempt to find some answers.
    - ii. **Action item:** Kathleen and Daksha will query EV owners they know about their experiences.
7. **Gallery Within Report:** The Bagaduce Watershed Association and BHHT has requested the GW space for a photo contest/show to take place between 8/15 and 8/22. This will go to the program team for consideration first.
8. **Old Business**
  - a. Update on status of building assessment and insurance charges: The new rate will likely be about \$1200 annually, which is not different from the amount RFS already gives to BUMC.
  - b. Update on grant proposal: The application was submitted on time and no word has been received yet.
  - c. Planning for virtual community meeting, visioning, and board recruitment: Discussion about logistics and probable response to a call for a zoom community meeting. It was agreed to continue in "wait and see" mode for how to best proceed with this.

**Next meeting: April 19, 4:00 PM via Zoom**  
**Facilitator: Lisa**  
**Recorder: Camilla**

*Submitted by Lisa Mazzealli, 3/16/2021.*