



FRIENDS OF WHITEHALL

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Preserving the Past, Protecting the Future

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Dear Friends,

Last year, Friends of Whitehall (FOW) completed our 18th year as an organization with the mission of preserving, protecting, conserving, and enhancing Whitehall State Park and Whitehall Conservation Area.

FOW worked with DCR in 2023 to sponsor volunteers from the national non-profit Student Conservation Association (SCA) in construction of a 33-foot-long bridge spanning a fast-flowing brook on the DCR trail near Pond St. We purchased the materials and made a substantial donation to the SCA.

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Working with several member volunteers, FOW replaced the informational signs for the historical Hopkinton Springs and re-mulched the area. We also replaced the sign at the entrance to the Whitehall Conservation Area and filled in gaps in the Tolstrupvein bridge on the DCR trail. FOW continues to work with volunteers to clean up the trails and boat ramp area.

In November, FOW sponsored a well-attended free educational presentation (hosted by the Hopkinton Public Library) on wildland fires and fire mitigation by Alex Belote, Fire Program Coordinator for DCR.

FOW invites you to join us on Wednesday, April 3rd, for our Annual Meeting which will be at the Sanctuary at Woodville, 249 Wood St. Hopkinton (formerly the Woodville Baptist Church) at 7 p.m.

FOW monthly board meetings are held via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in attending, please email us at friendsofwhitehall@yahoo.com. Please continue to check our website <http://www.friendsofwhitehall.org> and our Facebook page for the latest updates.

We hope that you will join FOW or renew your membership using the enclosed membership form. If you are also interested in volunteering for future projects, you can indicate your interest on the membership form.

Yours truly,

Peter Regan, President