

## HMCA Update and Activities Report for March 7, 2022 HPC Meeting

Below are the highlights of activities undertaken by HMCA for the period 11-8-2021 - 3-7-22

### Governance:

- Francie Marbury was interim President November 30 - February 28. Jack Widness is now serving in this position, March 1 - May 31.
- Eric Slayton is serving as Secretary.
- HMCA Vice President Pieter van Loon is our liaison to the Marlboro Select Board.
- Current HMCA Board membership: Amanda Whiting, Sarah RobbGrieco, Pieter van Loon, Eric Slayton, Carol Berner, Jack Widness, Francie Marbury
- Nancy Anderson will continue as Treasurer and provide support to the Secretary

### Financial:

- HMCA has transferred \$114,000 to the Vermont Community Fund where it has created the Hogback Mountain Endowment Fund.

### Activities:

- The new Trail Stewards program is underway and working well so far. Volunteer Trail Stewards have signed up to monitor specific sections of trail at least twice a year. Some Stewards are going out far more often, even once a month. We've received several reports from Trail Stewards about problems on the trails: blowdowns, extensive muddy patches and the like. Members of the Trail Committee then go out and fix the problem.
- HMCA will sponsor MES Hogback Day on May 20, rain date May 27. Carol Berner and Francie Marbury are working with the school to plan this. We are seeking volunteers to lead activities for 2 hours during the morning.
- Eric Slayton will conduct a bird banding project again in May.
- HMCA will sponsor an Annual Birding Event in honor of Bob Engel.
- HMCA is actively exploring ways to increase collaboration with the SVNHM through shared, co-sponsored events

- HMCA received an email from a Marlboro resident regarding skiers who had entered their property from Hogback. As a result added information to the trailhead kiosk as to which parts of the Hogback area are open to skiing. The resident indicated that they would increase their Private Property posting.