

Fox Island Nature Center Committee Meeting Minutes  
3 May 2018

Attendees: Ed Burroughs, Philip Craven, Nan Feagin and Tom Mann

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm

Old Business:

- We briefly reviewed the recent sale of the Wickline property, suggesting possibly offering the new owner(s) a tour of the Nature Center
- April 21 work party worked on replacing some steps with new cedar round, marking Hollies for removal and continue maintenance.
- Ed reported that recent plantings, especially the willows, are thriving
- Final plans for removing the invasive English Holly (*ilex aquifolium*) from the Nature Center on May 12, 2018 at 2 pm were discussed. Miguel Martinez has arranged for both him and some high school students to join us.

New Business:

- Future work including securing the tread on the boardwalk and leveling the picnic tables are planned.
- Signage within the Nature Center was discussed. For new visitors the trails may be disorienting as to exits and how to arrive to points of interest. Best forms (painted cedar vs metal anchor posts) and placement of signage need to be considered. A map of the trails will be brought to the next meeting to organize these efforts. A more intuitive naming of trails is desired.
- Discussions about sponsoring a summertime community fireside were held. Bringing both younger and older island residents together for story telling and passing on Fox Island historical knowledge would be goals. Ed will talk with the Fox Island Museum and Historical Society about resources.

Next Work Party	Saturday May 12, 2018, 2 pm - "Holly Blitz"
	Saturday May 19, 2018, 9 am
Next FINCC meeting	Thursday June 7, 2018, 7 pm
June Work Party	June 16, 2018, 9 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm