



GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

WORCESTER SECTION

Keepers of Vermont's Hiking Trails

Camp Location: 345 Rawson St. Leicester, MA 01524

Swimming - Hiking - Boating - Picnicking



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President's Message Winter 2017

Thank you for placing your confidence and trust in me to serve as your President. My main objectives for the GMC, Worcester Section this year is to have fun and to seek out opportunities for service - to increase recognition of our club both in the GMC community and in the community at large.

I moved from Madbury, New Hampshire to Spencer, Massachusetts in 2006. It was due to a new job as a Radiation Safety Specialist at UMass Medical School in Worcester. Prior to that I worked in the environmental field with the state of New Hampshire for 14 years. Now for the past year I am a retiree and cherishing every moment of it. Although having lived in New Hampshire, famous for its countryside and outdoor activities, I had not experienced it. I joined the club about 5 years ago and very soon learned that being outdoors and enjoying Mother Nature in its finest was beneficial for my health and it also awakened me spiritually.

Our Worcester Section lodge was acquired 55 years ago and I am glad to say that it remains strong structurally. The continued support of the executive committee to encourage new ideas to promote the club has been awesome. As you all know that our section is the only section having a central place for annual meetings, social activities and summer and winter use of our camp. I encourage all of you to participate in the scheduled quarterly activities.

I am looking forward for the year 2017 for you all to share your ideas and perspectives. This is your club and your input will be very valuable to implement in our visions and our objectives.

Ram Moennsad

January 2017

GMC WORCESTER

ACTIVITIES WINTER 2017

(Even numbered) Tuesday evenings, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Game Night at the Lodge. We will meet on even numbered Tuesday evenings at the Cedar Meadow Lake Lodge, 345 Rawson Street in Leicester, MA. Enjoy whist, cribbage, checkers, chess, backgammon and other games. Bring food to share and enjoy the warmth of the fire. We will provide the hot drinks. Bring your favorite games if you wish. For more information call Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 or Margos Stone at 508-826-6842.

Saturday, January 14, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the parking lot on Route 122 (by Rutland State Park) at the trailhead to the Mid State Trail in Rutland. Hike or cross-country ski the trails and back country roads of the Ware River watershed area (depending on conditions.) Call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7 pm to register and for more information.

Saturday, January 28, 9:30 am. Hike or cross-country ski the Tully River Bike Trail in Royalston. Meet at the Canoe/Kayak Launch on Doane's Hill Road in Royalston. Call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7:00 p.m. or Margos Stone at 508-799-0842 for more information and to register.

Saturday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Sibley Farm on Greenville Street in Spencer. Be prepared for the cold weather. If there is sufficient snow, we will do snowshoeing. We will begin on the Sibley Trail, which is well travelled and fairly easy. Call Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 for more information and to register.

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the GMC camp, 345 Rawson Street in Leicester. If the lake is sufficiently frozen, we will cross country ski around the lake, followed by lunch at the lodge. If the lake is not sufficiently frozen, we will hike or cross country ski at the Ware River watershed area in Rutland. For more information and to register, call Mike Peckar at 508-835-2959 or Margos Stone at 508-799-0842.

Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. Explore this pristine kettle pond where folks rarely venture in winter. This 3 mile round trip hike will ascend 300 feet in elevation through the North Sterling woods, traverse open fields and terminate at the pond. Snowshoes are available for loan. Nordic skiers are welcome, but beware the terrain is steep in sections. Bring snacks or pack in a lunch. Contact Mike Peckar at 508-835-2959 or mike@wachusettgreenways.org to sign up, reserve snowshoes and get details on where to park.

Saturday, February 25, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the parking lot on Route 122 at the trailhead to the Mid State Trail in Rutland. Hike or cross country ski depending on conditions on the Mass Central Rail Trail and backcountry roads in the Ware River Watershed area. Call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7 pm to register and for more information.

Saturday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the parking lot on Route 122 at the trail head to the Mid State Trail in Rutland. Hike or snow shoe depending on conditions **south** on the Mid State Trail for about 2 hours and then back to our starting place at the parking lot. Call Margos Stone at 508-799-0842 to register and for more information.

Saturday, March 18, 12:30 p.m. President's Potluck Luncheon at the GMC camp, 345 Rawson Street in Leicester. Bring your favorite dish to share. Come and sit by the wood-fire stove and enjoy some hot cider. We will have a short hike after the luncheon for those interested. Call Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 or Margos Stone at 508-799-0842 for more information.

Saturday, March 25, 9:30 a.m. Hike or cross country ski at the Federated Women's Club State Forest (Petersham State Forest), 399 New Salem Road (Route 122) in Petersham. For more information and to register, call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7:00 p.m. or Margos Stone at 508-799-0842.

Green Mountain Club-Worcester Section Annual Meeting Minutes Camp Headquarters-Rawson Street, Leicester, MA

Minutes as recorded by Secretary Lisa Carpenter:

The annual meeting was held at the Whitman Lodge on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 4 p.m. The group gathered to enjoy the traditional pot luck dinner consisting of chicken and side fixings provided by a collaborative group effort. The group was joined by the GMC Executive Director, Mike Debonis. The meeting was officially opened by Section President, Pat Faron.

A motion was made and accepted to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes prepared by Lisa Carpenter, Secretary which were enclosed within the meeting handout materials.

Margos Stone, Treasurer, followed by providing his report on the fiscal year's financial activity. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, the year ended with an excess of revenues over expenses in the amount of \$1,034.26 in comparison with \$833.48 for the prior fiscal year. The increase in surplus was caused primarily by the decrease increase in camp expenses. Although gifts to the Section were down approximately \$1,000 in 2016, the absence of the one-time donation in 2015 to the Winooski Bridge campaign compensated for the decrease. Total cash on hand as of September 30th was \$9,748.06.

Steve Crowe provided an update on the trail maintenance activities. There were 2 trips during the year for trail maintenance. One was a spring trip and the other was a trip to Wachusett Mountain which coincided with National Trail Day.

Pat Faron presented the membership update prepared by Sandy Snow, Membership Director who was unable to attend the meeting. She reported 127 active members, 9 new joining members, 8 dropped memberships, and 2 deceased members as the current period census data for the Worcester section.

John Oliva, Camp Committee chairperson provided an update on the significant work done on the grounds and building in addition to the annual fall cleanup that had occurred the previous Saturday. Ram Moennsad and Dick Kisten built a new structurally sophisticated fireplace. John presented Dick with a GMC service badge to recognize his devotion towards maintaining the camp.

Pat Faron represented the Nominating Committee, made a motion to appoint the following officers and committee chairs:

**Green Mountain Club-Worcester Section Annual Meeting
Minutes
Camp Headquarters-Rawon Street, Leicester, MA**

Officers

President: Ram Moennsad

Vice President: Richard Kisten

Secretary: Lisa Carpenter

Treasurer: Margos Stone

Director: John Oliva

Membership: Sandra Stone

Camp Committee

Chairperson: John Oliva

Members: Sandra Snow, Richard Kisten, Sherron Carson, Ram Moennsad, and Gerry Vayo

Nominating Committee

Chairperson: Pat Faron

Members: Sherron Carson, Margos Stone

The motion was seconded and approved.

Pat thanked the group for the flower delivery she received just prior to the meeting which were sent to recognize her leadership for the past two years as President of the Worcester Section.

Following the conclusion of the official business of the meeting, Mike Debonis gave an overview of his long term association with Vermont's Long Trail and his personal journey which led him up to him becoming the current GMC Executive Director. He provided a slide-show and overview of the various initiatives the organization has been addressing over the past year under his leadership which included long-term strategic planning, conservation efforts, trail usage, and retaining financial sustainability.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM following his presentation.

345 Rawson St.
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GMC Member