

# WONALANCET



## OUT DOOR CLUB

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CARING FOR THE SANDWICH RANGE  
SINCE 1896 AND EARLIER

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### SPRING 2023

When Susan Goldhor announced that she was stepping down as Newsletter editor we searched high and low for a replacement, but in vain. It fell to me to put together the next five issues (and they were great!) but that August, 2020, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. I managed to put together two more issues but by then the treatments had sapped my energy, and the WODC Newsletter has been on vacation à la *Car Talk Puzzler's* own occasional vacations. I am doing reasonably well now, but still am not up to putting together our customarily full issue. Peggy Johnson has generously offered to help put out this slender but informative issue, to keep you aware of our plans and activities. We hope it finds you all well, and that we see you this summer in Wonalancet...maskless!

Jack Waldron  
*Editor pro tem*

### 2023 TRAIL DAYS

We will have three volunteer trailwork days this year all on Saturdays:

- **June 3** National Trails Day
- **July 15** New Hampshire Trails Day
- **September 23** National Public Lands Day

We'll meet at 8:30 AM on all our Trailwork Saturdays. Bring water, food, gloves, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact Jack at [jackw@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jackw@myfairpoint.net) for information on the specific project and where we will be parking cars. Because of the overcrowding of the Ferncroft Lot we try to avoid meeting there. If severe weather is forecast we will send an email to everyone who signed up announcing the cancellation of the trail work day. The decision to cancel the trail work day will be made by 8 PM on Friday.

### THANKS

Mike Bromberg, cartographer of our 2007 WODC trail map, gave us permission to use the handsome and now familiar logo he developed. When you see him on the trails, say hi!

## ANNUAL MEETING August 20 - 6:30 PM

If the weather is fair, those who wish will gather in the Grove at 5:30 pm on Sunday, August 20, for pot luck and socializing. The meeting will start at 6:30, outdoors if practicable, in the chapel if too wet.

The proposed timber harvesting by the USFS will be one topic for consideration. We look forward to seeing you all again!



### TIMBER HARVEST, WODC, AND LONG EARED BATS: Update on Forest Service Logging Plans

Plans to cut 627 acres in the Sandwich Range continue to move ahead slowly. The Forest Service (FS) envisions this work more as "vegetation management" than harvesting of saleable product. Roughly a third of the area would be accessed through the Ferncroft parking lot.

At the recent WODC-WMNF Saco District meeting we learned public comments have been processed without significant change in FS plans. But the timing of the cut, which was to begin in late 2023, has been indefinitely delayed. Besides resolving a decades-old FS surveying error that impacts private landowners, the FS now needs to determine whether the northern long-eared bat, recently listed as an endangered species due to white-nose syndrome, is present in the planned cutting area. Additionally, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has put out for comment a proposal to list another local species -- the tricolored bat -- as endangered. And finally: on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the US Senate by a very narrow margin voted to overrule the listing of the northern long-eared bat. (The House and the President would also need to agree to overturn this Endangered Species listing.)

Stay tuned . . .

Doug McVicar

### HILLS, HIKES, AND TAMWORTH HISTORY

Don't miss WODC's exhibit, curated by Doug McVicar, at the Tamworth History Center -- part of their summer theme *Hills and Hikers, Then and Now*. The exhibit and related hikes and events will celebrate all of Tamworth's outdoor organizations' histories and contributions.

**June - October**  
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