

Report of the FWPF: November 16, 2017

FWPF Board Highlights:

The Board has been focused on several things:

- Mailing our Annual Report
- Preparing our Annual Appeal (it will go out early next week)
- Coordinating with Bob Malley, the FWPC, Todd Robbins, and CELT on banding trees against winter moth. We were able to:
 - band over 100 trees
 - bring out over 50 volunteers despite the cold on Saturday. Participants were eager to help protect the Park's trees as well as learn how to protect their own trees.
 - Our Marketing/PR committee was quite successful getting news coverage, both on WGME and in the Press Herald.

The success of the tree banding project has inspired plans for:

a similar effort to spray the trees with horticultural oil in the spring

a work day for volunteers to help Todd plant trees in the Park as he instructs them in proper tree planting technique and appropriate native trees to use.

Arboretum Highlights:

James has been working on preparing for winter. Cliff Walk Landscape work will occur in the spring.

Other:

Linkel Construction has offered us a "Mud Kitchen" for use in the Children's Garden. It is not appropriate there, but James wonders if there is another place in the park for it. Here is the description:

It is approximately 4' x 10' and made from 4x4 timbers and 2x6 framing. Matt said they could easily add a few cedar decking boards to hide the exposed sink drains, if that was desired.

The wood is pressure treated, but since it is new it would not have been treated with arsenic as they used to do.

Apparently Linkel built this for another purpose and they are looking for a new home for it. See picture next page.

