

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Mission

The Worcester Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club promotes the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the mountains, forests, waters, and trails of the Appalachian region. In particular our Chapter is dedicated to the outdoor resources of Central Massachusetts for the purposes of education, recreation, and conservation. Founded in 1918, the Worcester Chapter has over 3000 members who are dedicated to the outdoors. The Chapter offers activities for all levels, including backpacking trips, day hikes, bike rides, rock climbing, skiing, paddling, and a wide range of social events and educational programs.

2021 Executive Committee

Officers

Kim Beauchemin Chapter Chair
Michael Morin Vice-Chair
Jose Schroen Treasurer
Peter Eggleston Secretary
Joe Massery Past Chair

Committee Chairs

Neil Schutzman Cycling
Jon DiRodi Conservation
Walt Lazarz Hiking

Chris Pignatiello Communications Co-Chair Janice Melchiore Communications Co-Chair

Ingrid Molnar Families Dawn Foster Historian Paul Glazebrook Leadership Erin Doolittle Membership Christine Crepault Finance David Elliott **Paddling** Ruth Langh Skiing Dave Brainard Climbing

Fred Mezynski Third Wednesday

Steve Crowe Trails

Mike Peckar Midstate Trail

Karyn Marciniec At Large - Social Media

Vanessa Butler Social

Zenya Molnar 20s & 30s (YM)

Michael Hauck Programs Alex Molnar DEI

2022 EC Slate

Listed below are the nominees for Executive Committee, AMC Worcester Chapter, for 2022:

Michael Morin Chapter Chair Chris Pignatiello Chapter Vice Chair

Jose Schroen Treasurer
Peter Eggleston Secretary
Kim Beauchemin Past Chair

Karyn Marciniec At Large - Social Media

Neil Schutzman Cycling Chair

(Open)Communications ChairJon DiRodiConservation Co-ChairEric HarrisConservation Co-Chair

Ingrid Molnar Families Chair Debi Garlick Hiking Chair Dave Laska Historian

Leadership Chair Paul Glazebrook Erin Doolittle Membership Chair Mike Peckar Midstate Trail David Elliott Paddling Chair Finance Chair Christine Crepeault Ruth Langh Ski Chair Vanessa Butler Social Chair Dave Brainard Climbing Chair

Erin Doolittle Third Wednesday Chair

Steve Crowe Trails Chair
Zenya Molnar 20s & 30s Chair
Gaurav Dutta Programs Chair
Alexandra Molnar DEI Chair

WR Appalachian Mountain Club Income and Expenses

1 January - 7 November, 2021

		Total
Income		
40400 Memorial gifts (includes Tollman Fund)		655.36
41111 Membership		-75.00
41600 Subscription revenue Web membership		370.00
43100 Program and workshop income		
Winter workshop		575.00
WFA/CPR	-	1,950.00
Total 43100 Program and workshop income		2,525.00
45100 interest income		13.45
81000 Chapter allocation	-	5,838.75
Total Income		9,327.56
Expenses		
46910 Camp/Facilities transfer: Horseshoe shelter, Maine		15,000.00
46910 Midstate Trail		774.21
55200 Participants costs		
Backpacking workshop		46.06
Winter Hiking workshop		138.45
WFA/CPR training		6,440.00
Total 55200 Participants costs		6,624.51
72800 volunteer and committee expenses		
20's & 30's		223.68
3rd Wednesday		345.00
conservation		250.00
Cycling		250.00
Families		56.01
Hiking		45.00
Leadership		269.39
Past chair		237.90
Programs		530.07
Trails		284.74
Total 72800 volunteer and committee expenses	\$	2,491.79
73560 internet service		
IT (maintain website)		294.29
Meet-Up		-52.56
Vimeo video storage		80.32
Total 73560 internet service	\$	322.05
73630 Software (Quickbooks online)		137.36
74200 postage		11.00
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78300 property and liability insurance	357.00
81031 AMC C&C Contribution expense (Educators outdoors)	5,000.00
81040 endowment spending allowance	 -27,601.04
Total Expenses	\$ 3,116.88
Net Earnings	\$ 6.210.68

Chapter Chair Report

When I first became your Chapter Chair, I had many thoughts around refocusing the chapter on conservation initiatives for the duration of my term. Alas, the world had other plans for us! Even though my term hasn't gone according to plan, together we've accomplished so much that we should be proud of! We learned how to better engage our membership through online events and learning, we've learned how to safely run activities during a pandemic, and we've seen that despite all that is going on, we are all united by our passion for outdoor education, recreation, and conservation.

As always, our volunteers are the amazing cogs in the wheel that is our Worcester Chapter – especially in such a difficult time. These volunteers invested their time and energy to help us realize our mission in new ways this year. When I look at all that we -did- accomplish this year, I realize that none of it would be possible without the herculean efforts of our volunteers.

As 2021 comes to a close, I'd like to thank our outgoing EC members who carried out their duties on the committee with distinction:

- Peter Eggleston Secretary
- Janice Melchiore Communications Co-chair
- Walt Lazarz Hiking Chair
- Dawn Foster Historian
- Michael Hauck Programs Chair
- Fred Mezynski 3rd Wednesday Chair
- Joe Massery Past Chair

And to the incoming slate of EC members, you have my utmost appreciation for stepping into these important leadership roles for the Worcester Chapter.

It's been an honor and my pleasure to serve you as your Chapter Chair and I look forward to working with everyone in my new role as Past Chair to help the new EC further the AMC's mission.

Kim Beauchemin Chapter Chair

Vice Chair Report

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Chapter's Vice Chair in 2021, and to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and talented group of volunteers in the Chapter and the Executive Committee.

Over the past year, I supported our Chapter Chair with my work on the Finance and Nominating sub-committees in addition to representing the Chapter as a faculty member of the Club's Center for Outdoor Learning and Leadership and as a representative on the Chapter's Committee.

Volunteer of the Month

As Vice Chair, I oversaw the Volunteer of the Month/Year program, which recognizes volunteers who have shown exceptional volunteering spirit in support of the Chapter and its activities. Anyone can nominate AMC members that have contributed to the Chapter; however, Executive Committee members are not eligible to win.

The 157 nominations for the 2020-2021 session, including nominations for Executive Committee members, are shown in the table below.

November Nominations			
Nominee	Nominator	Reason	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Kim Beauchemin	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Michael Morin	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Steph Keimig	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Pat Lambert	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Paul Glazebrook	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Debi Garlick	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Keith Jylkka	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Will DesRosiers	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Denise Guillemette	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Nancy Cahn	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert, Walt	For their help with the Winter	
Chris Pignatiello	Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
		For their help with the Winter	
Joe Massery	Pat Lambert, Walt Lazarz	Hiking Workshop	
		For their help with the Winter	
Walt Lazarz	Joe Massery, Pat Lambert,	Hiking Workshop	

December Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		Leading or co-leading local
Paul Glazebrook	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Pat Lambert	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
	_	Leading or co-leading local
Joe Massery	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter

		Leading or co-leading local
Jose Schroen	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Sharon Whalen	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Bill Zahavi	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Debi Garlick	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Wendy Dziemian	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Scott MacEachern	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Denise Guillemette	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Karyn Marciniec	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Ed Bajakian	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		Leading or co-leading local
Keith Jylkka	Walt Lazarz	Massachusetts hikes this winter
		For being a Leader In Training
Wendy Dziemian	Joe Massery	and co-leading a recent local hike

January Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		For his flexibility in helping me
		set up the Video Studio on our
Darryl Gagne	Joe Massery	Chapter web site.
		For leading our all-day, sold-out
Steph Keimig	Joe Massery	January Crampon Clinic.
		For leading our all-day, sold-out
Pat Lambert	Joe Massery	January Crampon Clinic.
		Ed co-led the Quabbin Gate 30
		hike on January 10th. As co-
		leader, Ed reminded us about
		hydration and heat management,
		especially during the winter
		months. The information was
		appreciated by all, particularly
Ed Bajakian	Ingrid Molnar	some of the newer hikers.

February Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		Running a Chapter self-arrest
Steph Keimig	Joe Massery	clinic.

		co-leading an Inner Winter hike,
		and helping a hiker who had to
Scot MacEachern	Joe Massery	be walked out.
		For leading many trip during the
		Corvid pandemic. Also for her
		mentoring of women leads-in-
Debi Garlick	Paul Glazebrook	trailing.
		For leading XC ski trips in Central
John Wojdak	Ruth Langh	Massachusetts.
		For stepping up to the plate to
		continue the 3rd Wednesday of
		the month presentations and
		organizing a committee to
Joe Massery	Christine Crepeault	ensure its continued success.
		For success with the Video Studio
		- and ongoing support of our IT
Darryl Gagne	Christine Crepeault	needs.
		For success with recording
		presentations and making
Joe Massery	Christine Crepeault	available in the Video Studio
		Helped with field trip to the Pine
		Hill Trial to detail the remaining
		work for the RTP Grant that the
		Trials Committee is working on.
		Helped with the clean-up of Echo
		Lake Trail and lead 4 others over
		High Meadow and Mountain
		house Trail, removing
		Blowdowns. Participated in the
Francisco Curciat	Stave Custo	Zoom call to go over the RTP
Emerson Grant	Steve Crowe	Grant with AMC Staff.

March Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		Will has been actively co-leading trips and is on the cusp of becoming a full leader - the pandemic paused him being able to complete all training requirements but that did not stop him from getting out there and sharing his knowledge and experience with trip participants. In addition to providing gear demos at the winter hiking workshop in November, Will coled hikes for the winter hiking series which enabled us to offer
Will Derosiers	Pat Lambert	all the planned hikes even when

		the NH ones had to be relocated
		to MA. Will will be a great
		addition to our corp of hiking
		leaders!
		For joining YOP Call ZOOM for
Colin Novick	Steve Crowe	gear shed
Datalana	1 1.4	AT Thru Hike talk at 3rd
Pete Lane	Joe Massery	Wednesday
Fred Mezynski	loo Massony	Support of 3rd Wednesday despite medical issues
,	Joe Massery	
Bruce Wester	Neil	Early Season bike rides
Jose Schroen		Early Season bike rides
Don Wiser		Early Season bike rides
Mike Hauck		Early Season bike rides
		She is always willing to hike with
		me to complete the 50 best day
		hikes in Central Massachusetts.
		Debi always has suggestions to make some of these hikes a little
Debi Garlick	Jose Schroen	
Debi Garlick	Jose Schloen	longer. He is always willing to hike with
		me to complete the 50 best day
Walt Lazarz	Jose Schroen	hikes in Central Massachusetts.
Walt Edzalz	3030 3011 0011	Continuing to post the early
		morning fitness hikes, regardless
		of the temperatures and
		weather, throughout the fall and
		winter, until the trails became
Pat Lambert	Jose Schroen	too muddy.
		She has been a long-time trip
		leader for the Chapter focusing
		on hiking and kayaking. In
		particular, she has been the co-
		leader of the very popular
		Whitehall Reservoir kayaking
		trips on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the
		summer. In addition, she has led
		several local and up-country
		hikes. Finally, she has been a past
		Membership Chair and has
		worked on the Annual Meeting
		committees for several years.
		And she is decidedly "unsung".
		Her email address:
Sharon Whalen	Andrew Wojcikowski	swhalen11@yahoo.com

April Nominations

Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		For many hours spent planning
Bill Fogel	Paul Glazebrook	online leadership training
		For co-leading two backpacking
Sue Serra	Joe Massery	gear shakedowns
		For co-leading the Upton
Denise Guillemette	Joe Massery	backpacking gear shakedown
		For her huge rule in the
		backpacking workshop - planning
Chris Fogarty	Joe Massery	and presentations
		For presenting at the
Bill Grant	Joe Massery	backpacking workshop
		For presenting at the
Charlie Arsenault	Joe Massery	backpacking workshop
		For presenting at the
Rick Chin	Joe Massery	backpacking workshop
		organizing all 4 of the Inner
		Backpack Gear Shakedowns. This
		was 4 separate events that
		occurred over a two-day period –
		he meticulously organized all the
		activity postings, permits,
		logistics and participant
		registration, as well as lead two
Joe Massery	Sue Serra	of the four events.

May Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason
Pat Thibodeau	Christine Judycki Crepeault	successful Lake Quinnsig clean up in support of Trail-Fest month.
Paul Glazebrook	Walt Lazarz	Setting up WFA training
Debi Garlick	Paul Glazebrook	For mentoring new Leaders in Training
		For organizing and leading online leadership training in April and
Bill Fogel	Paul Glazebrook	May
		for organizing the Concord
		Carlisle bike ride and when it
		filled up quickly reached out to
		other leaders to arrange for a
		second section of the ride to
Jean Sifleet	Neil Schultzman	accommodate everyone.
		Taking 2 full days out of their
		leisure time, while COVID-19
		protocols are still in place, to
		either recertify or take the
Wendy Dziemian	Pat Lambert	training for the first time shows

		dedication to improving their
		hard and soft skills as leaders
		Taking 2 full days out of their
		leisure time, while COVID-19
		protocols are still in place, to
		either recertify or take the
		training for the first time shows
		dedication to improving their
Rick Chin	Pat Lambert	hard and soft skills as leaders
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		leisure time, while COVID-19
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		either recertify or take the
		training for the first time shows
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Sharon Whalen	Pat Lambert	hard and soft skills as leaders
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		leisure time, while COVID-19
		protocols are still in place, to
		either recertify or take the
		training for the first time shows
		dedication to improving their
Julia Hazlett	Pat Lambert	hard and soft skills as leaders
		for his engaging and interesting
		Leave No Trace presentation at
		the first TrailsFest virtual event.
		Steve's enthusiasm and desire to
		teach was just as present
		through Zoom as it is in person,
		and I really appreciate his
		willingness to partake in
Steve Ciras	Zenya Molnar	TrailsFest this year.
		Volunteer of the Month for May
		for his TrailsFest presentation on
		Leave No Trace, on May 15.
		Thanks to Steve for conveying his
		knowledge on the subject in a
		fun and interactive format to the
Steve Ciras	Ingrid Molnar	meeting participants.
l.,		for their outstanding work for
Alex Molnar	Michael Hauck	TrailsFest
Zamus Malmar	N4ishaal Hayak	for their outstanding work for
Zenya Molnar	Michael Hauck	TrailsFest
		For helping to lead the Families
Dataise Thib and a sec	In avid NA alana	Outdoor Paddling Series
Patrice Thibodeau	Ingrid Molnar	organized by Leah Cotton

June Nominations

Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		For his responsiveness, friendly
		manner, and enthusiasm. In
		particular, I appreciate his work
		on the 2022 slate for the
		Worcester chapter. I think he
Joe Massery	Faith Salter	sets a great example
		Denise took on the role of 2nd
		leader for the Intro to Backpack
		Trip: Mt. Grace to Richarson's
		Cabin. After the first night, one
		participant decided that the trip
		was not what she had expected.
		Denise was able to hike her back
		to the cars and navigate her way
		to meet us on the trail. She was
		also a great asset for offering
		sound advice to novice
Denise Guillemette	Debi Garlick	backpackers.
		Dave started as a participant but
		ended up taking a role as Leader-
		In-Training. During the 3 days on
		the trail, he assisted the hikers
		with understanding there gear,
Dave Kupla	Debi Garlick	setting up and breaking down camp, and navigating the trail.
Dave Rupia	Debi Garlick	During our recent Inner Backpack
		Trip in June, from Mt. Grace
		Shelter to the Richardson Cabin,
		Ray was available to assist me in
		opening the gate to the cabin
		prior to the trip so I could spot 4
		gallons of water at the cabin for
		the group to use on their second
		night out. Ray also stopped by
		the night the group was at the
		cabin to provided us with
		background info on the
		Richardson Cabin and the Mt.
		Grace Land Trust. He was also
		our "lucky charm" as a moose
		appeared at the campground
Ray Girard	Debi Garlick	while he was there.
		Steph spent a day teaching a
		group of beginner paddlers
		about kayaking fundamentals
		including wet exits and getting
Steph Keimig	Janice Melchiore	back into the kayak. Thank you

		Steph for contributing your time
		and expertise!
Zenya Molnar	Walt Lazarz	for doing their part in helping an injured hiker.
		for doing their part in helping an
Alex Molnar	Walt Lazarz	injured hiker.
		For helping an injured hike on
		the Monadnock Sunapee
Juliana Vanderwielen	Walt Lazarz	Greenway Inner Backpacker trip
		For his work on log peeling for
		the new Horseshoe Pond Shelter
		in Maine, and for helping with
		the organizing the annual trip to
John Grote	Joe Massery	the Phoenix Shelter.
		For coordinating the volunteer
		work in Maine on the Phoenix
		Shelter, Henderson Brook trail
		maintenance, and log peeling for
Peter Roderick	joe Massery	the new Horseshoe Pond shelter.
	· ·	For her work on log peeling for
		the new Horseshoe Pond Shelter
Yun Swanson	Joe Massery	in Maine.
	,	For his help with blowdown
		clearing on the trails near the
		Phoenix Shelter and Gorman
		Chairback in Maine, and for his
		help with the Horseshoe Pond
Dan Rosen	Joe Massery	Shelter log peeling.
	,	for pulling together an
		outstanding WFA program,
Paul Glazebrook	Joe Massery	McGyver-style
	,	for organizing a great chapter
		trip to the Alpine Garden on Mt.
Kim Beauchemin	Joe Massery	Wash.
		worked on the Balance Rock Trail
		on National Trails Day. On
		Sunday we worked on the Pine
		Hill Trail and then worked in the
		White Mountains with the Access
		Find . He posted photos of that
Emerson Grant	Steve Crowe	work on Facebook.
		worked on my Weekend Trail
Malcolm Beauvais	Steve Crowe	Fixing Crew at Wachusett
	33212 3.0112	worked on my Weekend Trail
Ryan Brooks	Steve Crowe	Fixing Crew at Wachusett
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		the morning of National Trails
Mike Peckar	Steve Crowe	Day
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		worked on the Balance Rock Trail
		the morning of National Trails
Don Hoffses	Steve Crowe	Day
		worked on the Balance Rock Trail
		the morning of National Trails
Geoff Caldwell	Steve Crowe	Day
		Leading a group to the Maine
Joe Massery	Steve Crowe	woods for National Trails Day
		For stepping up as treasurer for
Mies Bastille	Steve Crowe	the Mid State Trail Committee
		for leading a fun and informative
		backpack trip on the Monadnock
		Sunapee Greenway as part of the
		Inner Backpacker series. Not only
		did they make the experience
		fun, they prioritized the safety of
		the group when an individual had
		an injury and we had to alter the
		trip. Their decisions and actions
		demonstrate admirable
Wendy Dziemian	Zenya Molnar	leadership skills.
		for leading a fun and informative
		backpack trip on the Monadnock
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		an injury and we had to alter the
		trip. Their decisions and actions
		demonstrate admirable
Walt Lazarz	Zenya Molnar	leadership skills.

July Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		Karen for volunteering to teach an AMC group the basics of Orienteering. The interest was so overwhelming that Mark quickly jumped in to help and we were able to offer a second section. Karen and Mark's passion for Orienteering is infectious. Both were patient and thorough in the instruction and before long compass adverse AMC members were putting Red Fred in the shed and navigating Orienteering
Mark Yeowell	Vanessa Butler	courses on their own. They went

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		above and beyond all
		expectations!
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		were patient and thorough in the
		instruction and before long
		compass adverse AMC members
		were putting Red Fred in the
		shed and navigating Orienteering
		courses on their own. They went
		above and beyond all
Karen Yeowell	Vanessa Butler	expectations!
		for enthusiastically volunteering
Wendy Dziemian	Vanessa Butler	to lead Section B of Orienteering
,		While co-leading an 11 mile
		strenuous hike in the 100 Mile
		Wilderness of Maine, she
		brought to the leaders attention
		the group's progress which was
		in danger of exceeding the safe
		time limit for the hike. She
		proposed a Plan B which was
		initiated resulting in the safe
Christina Dignaticallo	Walt Lazars	completion of the hike.
Christine Pignatiello	Wait Lazais	
		for working to get the AMC Gear
		Shed ready for construction.
		Clearing and preparing the site.
		Working through the permitting
		system and getting everything
Colin Novick	Steve Crowe	ready for construction this week.
		who is one of the regular
		weekday, weekend and Thursday
		night cycling leaders.
		Additionally, Don serves as the
		Thursday night rides coordinator
		and encourages leaders to post
		rides to expand the Chapter's
		offerings. On a side note, he has
		kept the Chapter's long-time
		annual Columbus Day weekend
		trip to the Maine House going as
		prior trip leaders have passed on
		the baton for leading this trip
Don Wiser	Pat Lambert	over the years.
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		For leading or co-leading hikes
		and paddles on our long
		weekend trip to Gorman
Sue Serra	Joe Massery	Chairback.
		For leading or co-leading hikes
		and paddles on our long
		weekend trip to Gorman
Walt Lazarz	Joe Massery	Chairback.
		For leading or co-leading hikes
		and paddles on our long
		weekend trip to Gorman
Kim Beauchemin	Joe Massery	Chairback.
		For leading or co-leading hikes
		and paddles on our long
		weekend trip to Gorman
Chris Pignatiello	Joe Massery	Chairback.
		For leading or co-leading hikes
		and paddles on our long
		weekend trip to Gorman
Jose Schroen	Joe Massery	Chairback.
		For their work on the Chapter's
		Nominating Committee and their
		help in lining up next year's slate
Bill Zahavi	Joe Massery	of EC members
		For their work on the Chapter's
		Nominating Committee and their
		help in lining up next year's slate
Andy Wojcikowski	Joe Massery	of EC members
		For their work on the Chapter's
		Nominating Committee and their
		help in lining up next year's slate
Fred Mezynsk	Joe Massery	of EC members
		For their work on the Chapter's
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Michael Morin	Joe Massery	of EC members
		For their work on the Chapter's
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Jose Schroen	Joe Massery	of EC members
		For their work on the Chapter's
		Nominating Committee and their
		help in lining up next year's slate
Alex Molnar	Joe Massery	of EC members
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		Nominating Committee and their
		help in lining up next year's slate
Zenya Molnar	Joe Massery	of EC members

Dill Calab		for his dedication to maintaining trails in Northborough. On a recent hike I was leading on the Old Farm Trail in Northborough, we had barely made it from the parking lot when a downed tree stopped me in my tracks. We had turned around to see if there was another way into the woods to the trail when coincidentally Bill Cobb pulled into the lot, headed to the woods, and started removing the blowdown. Bill cleared the way not only once but twice during the hike, as there was another downed tree further into the trail that made passing impossible. Bill was so friendly and made the work look easy. Thanks to Bill for his volunteerism and efforts to ensure everyone can enjoy the
Bill Cobb	Zenya Molnar	trails!

August Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason
		for running another great
Joe Massery	Walt Lazars	Gorman Chairback outing
		for running another great
Kim Beauchemin	Walt Lazars	Gorman Chairback outing
		For co-leading a challenging
		backpack trip on Mt. Greylock
		with a group of new backpackers.
		She helped me deal with gear
		issues, slow hikers, aches and
		pains among the participants,
Sue Serra	Joe Massery	and keeping on our route.
		He was so very instrumental in
		assuring rental of kayaks for
		beginner paddlers. This allows
		persons who do not own a kayak
		to get out and enjoy AMC paddle
		events. Dave does this willingly
David Elliot	Patrice Thibodeau	and efficiently.

September Nominations		
Nominee	Nominator	Reason

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		She was unbelievable in her
		generosity of helping out long
		distance hikers on the Cohos trail
		at Rudy's campground. She
		offered beverages, beer and
		cookies as well as a ride back to
		the trail head. As she stated: it is
		a bitch if a hill back and fro to the
Mary Smith	Jose Schroen	trail head.
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		Rudy's Cabins and Campground
		in Clarksville, N.H., where she has
		been visiting since 1963. And she
		is a trail angel for hikers tackling
		the Cohos Trail. Mary provides
		snacks and drinks, free, to hikers.
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		ambassador for the park and trail
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		area, especially those on the
		Cohos Trail. After finishing a 15-
		mile day, Mary greeted us with
		open arms showing us to our
		tent site, helping us re-locate our
		re-supply boxes, and bringing us
		snacks, water, and beer several
		times during the evening. The
		next morning, she were provided
		us a shuttle ride back to the trail,
Mary Smith	Debi Garlick	shortening our day by a mile.
		She helped Dana P. and Dave G.
		exit the woods from the middle
		of nowhere when Dave sustained
		an injury on their Cohos thru hike
		and was unable to continue. Also
		for being a Trail Angel to Debi,
		Jose, Scott, Doug, and me on day
Mary Smith	Walt Lazars	4 of our 6 day Cohos backpack.
		Jumped right in as Hiking Chair
		even though her term would not
		start for another two months.
		She organized a hike leaders
		meeting, the winter hiking
		workshop, and a bunch of other
Dobi Corline	Lea Massam.	
Debi Garlick	Joe Massery	hiking activities

		for leading the effort to clean up
		the Assabet River in
		Northborough on September 18,
		removing nearly 1000 lbs of trash
Ken Pickren	Ingrid Molnar	from the river and its banks.
		for leading the effort to clean up
		the Assabet River in
		Northborough on September 18,
		removing nearly 1000 lbs of trash
Debbie Gallagher	Ingrid Molnar	from the river and its banks.
		for leading the effort to clean up
		the Assabet River in
		Northborough on September 18,
		removing nearly 1000 lbs of trash
David Elliot	Ingrid Molnar	from the river and its banks.
		worked on our one and two ton
		griphoist to get them functional
Denny Laforce	Steve Crowe	for our work last weekend

October Nominations				
Nominee	Nominator	Reason		
		For co-leading my Taconic-		
		Alander backpack and helping		
Rick Chin	Joe Massery	make it a great trip.		
		For restarting in-person 3rd		
Erin Doolittle	Joe Massery	Wednesday socials.		
		Don has actively pursued		
		becoming a leader and has		
		offered some great local hikes		
		this year. He will be helping out		
		with the winter hiking series, too.		
		Don researches and pre-hikes his		
		trips to ensure he knows the way		
		and identifies bail-out options in		
		case something happens on the hike that requires it to be cut		
		short. I always enjoy having Don		
		on my hikes (both official AMC		
		hikes and hikes with friends) -		
		not only is he personable but I		
		know I can rely on him to help		
Don Davies	Pat Lambert	out if the need arises.		
		for her weekly early morning		
Pat Lambert	Walt Lazars	fitness hikes.		

Twenty-one members submitted nominations this year:

Nominators

Andrew Wojcikowski
Christine Crepeault
Dave Greenslit
Debi Garlick
Faith Salter
Ingrid Molnar
Janice Melchiore
Joe Massery
Jose Schroen
Michael Hauck
Michael Morin
Neil Schultzman
Pat Lambert
Patrice Thibodeau
Paul Glazebrook
Ruth Langh
Steve Crowe
Sue Serra
Vanessa Butler
Walt Lazars
Zenya Molnar

Out of the 157 total nominations, 67 individual members received at least one nomination for this award. Joe Massery had the highest number of nominations with nine, followed closely by Debi Garlick and Pat Lambert with eight and seven, respectively.

Nominee	Count
Joe Massery	9
Debi Garlick	8
Pat Lambert	7
Denise Guillemette	6
Kim Beauchemin	6
Paul Glazebrook	6
Steph Keimig	6
Chris Pignatiello	5
Walt Lazarz	5
Wendy Dziemian	5
Jose Schroen	4
Keith Jylkka	4
Mary Smith	4
Michael Morin	4
Will DesRosiers	4
Alex Molnar	3
Nancy Cahn	3

Rick Chin	3
Sue Serra	3
Zenya Molnar	3
Bill Fogel	2
Colin Novick	2
Darryl Gagne	2
David Elliot	2
Don Wiser	2
Ed Bajakian	2
Emerson Grant	2
Fred Mezynsk	2
Patrice Thibodeau	2
Scott MacEachern	2
Sharon Whalen	2
Steve Ciras	2
Bill Zahavi	1
Sharon Whalen	1
Andy Wojcikowski	1
Bill Cobb	1
Bill Grant	1
Bill Zahavi	
Bruce Wester	1
Charlie Arsenault	1
Chris Fogarty	1
Dan Rosen	1
Dave Kupla	1
Debbie Gallagher	1
Denny Laforce	1
Don Davies	1
Don Hoffses	1
Erin Doolittle	1
Geoff Caldwell	1
Jean Sifleet	1
John Grote	1
John Wojdak	1
Julia Hazlett	1
Juliana Vanderwielen	1
Karen Yeowell	1
Karyn Marciniec	1
Ken Pickren	1
Malcolm Beauvais	1
Mark Yeowell	1
Mies Bastille	1
Mike Hauck	1

Mike Peckar	1
Pete Lane	1
Peter Roderick	1
Ray Girard	1
Ryan Brooks	1
Yun Swanson	1
Total Nominations	157
Total Nominees	67

Each non-Executive Committee member nomination was entered into the random drawing for both the month the nomination was received and for the following month to allow two chances at winning per nomination. Following that process, these twelve Volunteers of the Month were Selected.

Month	Winner	Reason
		For leading her first AMC hikes as
		an official chapter leader - three
		hikes in the Douglas State Forest
		this month. She organized,
		administered, and led these trips,
Nevershor	Sua Carra	handling all the details from soup
November	Sue Serra	to nuts.
December	Scott MacEachern	Leading or co-leading local Massachusetts hikes this winter
December	Scott MacEachern	Ed co-led the Quabbin Gate 30
		hike on January 10th. As co-
		leader, Ed reminded us about
		hydration and heat management,
		especially during the winter
		months. The information was
		appreciated by all, particularly
Janurary	Ed Bajakian	some of the newer hikers.
,		For success with the Video Studio
		- and ongoing support of our IT
Februrary	Darryl Gagne	needs.
		She is always willing to hike with
		me to complete the 50 best day
		hikes in Central Massachusetts.
		Debi always has suggestions to
		make some of these hikes a little
March	Debi Garlick	longer.
		Continuing to post the early
		morning fitness hikes, regardless
		of the temperatures and
		weather, throughout the fall and
April	Pat Lambert	winter, until the trails became too muddy.
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		For presenting at the
May	Rick Chin	backpacking workshop
iviay	Mick Citiii	For helping an injured hike on
		the Monadnock Sunapee
June	Juliana Vanderwielen	Greenway Inner Backpacker trip
Julic	Janaria Variaci Wicieri	for working to get the AMC Gear
		Shed ready for construction.
		Clearing and prepping the site.
		Working through the permitting
		system and getting everything
July	Colin Novick	ready for construction this week.
		For their work on the Chapter's
		Nominating Committee and their
		help in lining up next year's slate
August	Andy Wojcikowski	of EC members
	, ,	She was unbelievable in her
		generosity of helping out long
		distance hikers on the Cohos trail
		at Rudy's campground. She
		offered beverages, beer and
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		shortening our day by a mile.
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		for leading the effort to clean up the Assabet River in Northborough on September 18,
October	Debbie Gallagher	removing nearly 1000 lbs of trash from the river and its banks.

Volunteer of the Year

From the twelve Volunteer of the Month winners, an overall Volunteer of the Year was chosen. The 2021 Volunteer of the Year is Rick Chin.

Rick is a volunteer hiking and backpacking leader with the Worcester Chapter. Rick won the May Volunteer of the Month award for his help presenting at the annual Backpacking Workshop. He also received additional nominations in recognition of his pursuit of additional leadership training and for helping lead a Taconic-Alander backpacking trip.

Sincerely, Michael Morin Vice Chair

Past Chair Report

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chapter's Past Chapter Chair. My principal duties have been to support and advise our Chapter Chair, Kim Beauchemin, and the Executive Committee, and to head up the Chapter's Nominating Committee.

My role as advisor to Kim was pretty easy again this year. She navigated some challenging issues this past year; I was there for moral support, but she made it look easy!

As the head of 2021 Nominating Committee, I was honored to work with this dedicated and knowledgeable team of committee members: Alex Molnar, Andy Wojcikowski, Bill Zahavi, Fred Mezynski, Jose Schroen, Michael Morin, and Zenya Molnar. Our team was charged with identifying candidates to fill open EC positions for 2021. Together we were able to recruit a full slate of outstanding candidates to present for election at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely, Joe Massery Past Chair

Finance Chair Report

Budget Process:

The members of the Finance Committee members are: myself, Kim Beauchemin, Joe Massery, Jose Schroen, Michael Morin, Steve Crowe, Neil Schutzman and Steve Ciras. It is with their support and effort that we were able successfully implement a process for the FY 2021 budget that allowed the budget to be approved prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year. The same process was employed for the FY 2022 budget. A budget, supported by the Finance Committee, was sent to the Executive Committee members on October 8, 2021. The accepting vote was cast at the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Endowment Committee:

The Endowment Committee consists of the following members: myself, Jean Langley, Michele Simoneau, Mike Jones and Jeff Mayes.

We hoped that accepting, reviewing and approving grant applications twice a year would allow us to accommodate more requests and reach a larger population. Unfortunately, due to COVID, many programs we traditionally were able to fund could not be held. This allowed for the additional granting of funds to develop and maintain trails and/or campsites.

Applications deadlines are January 31 for approval by March 31, and July 31 for approval by September 30. The application form can be found on our website: https://www.amcworcester.org/endowment.html.

Since the last annual report, the following grant requests were reviewed and supported by the Committee, subsequent approved by the Executive Committee was received:

- JUMP \$2,500
- Inter-Chapter Climbing \$2,500
- Inter-Chapter Paddling \$1,500
- Horseshoe Pond Shelter \$15,000
- Greater Worcester Land Trust \$4,500
- AMC Educators Outdoors \$5,000

Respectfully submitted, Christine Crepeault Finance Chair

20s & 30s Report

While the past year and a half have been difficult in terms of engaging the 20s & 30s community, the group has managed to emerge this year to continue to build upon our success. Even though we persisted through 2020 by offering virtual events, the excitement was curtailed and the momentum was lessened. I am so happy to say that this year, we've seen countless new faces on hikes and at socials—participants who have now become regulars on trips—in addition to folks who had been involved before March 2020 when we paused hosting monthly socials and leading trips. I'm excited that we have two new leaders who are enthusiastic to lead in all

seasons and that there is interest in leadership training among several other new 20s & 30s members. Best of all, we are leading in-person trips again at a rate that sustains interest in the group.

The committee started out the year with a planning meeting to set goals for 2021, and we have been meeting monthly to strategize about how to engage our community, recruit new members, and incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion into our work. We've also continued to engage on social media in new ways, including on Instagram and Facebook. As Chair, I have been participating in quarterly AMC-wide calls for all 20s & 30s chairs, which facilitates cross-chapter collaboration and allows us to share ideas and learn from others. There are also currently 6 members of the 20s & 30s group serving on the Worcester Chapter Executive Committee, which will soon be 7 members when the new slate is voted on November 14, 2021. We hope to continue growing our presence at the Chapter level so that 20s & 30s members are represented and to carry on the vibrancy of the Chapter in diverse ways.

Since April, we have offered socials, virtual events, after-work hikes, full moon hikes, and day hikes. The 20s & 30s actively participated in two signature events, the Worcester Chapter TrailsFest (hopefully plalking and pliking will catch on!) and AMC FallFest. We have exciting plans for the winter to offer more hikes, snowshoe trips, and skiing, and we will be outreaching to new members and welcoming them to our group at the Winter Hiking Workshop.

Highlights of this year include:

- Spring Virtual Open House to reinvigorate the 20s & 30s community
- Participation in TrailsFest and FallFest
- Two new leaders and interest in leadership training with several others
- Fall full moon hike series
- 3 socials, including apple picking at Berlin Orchards, which was a collaboration with the Families committee
- 3 after-work hikes
- 1 volunteer day to stain the new Worcester Gear Shed

I'm enthusiastic to continuing growing our group and building a community in the Worcester Chapter—I am confident that this group will accomplish even more next year!

Zenya Molnar 20s & 30s Chair AMC Worcester Chapter

Cycling Report

The 2021 year was a step back toward normal as the world continues to struggle with the COVID virus. Last year when I wrote this report we were struggling with an October snow storm, this year we have a power outage because of a N'easter after record setting rains in August and September. I guess we live in challenging times. In spite of these it has been a remarkably successful and enjoyable year.

We offered 77 rides this year that was 82% of the number offered in 2019, which was our last full year. We had 18 active leaders about 75% of the number we had in 2019 a 50% increase from last year. Our

most active leaders were:

- Mike Hauck 13
- Neil Schutzman 11
- John Gau 9
- Pat Thibodeau 8
- Don Wiser 8
- Bruce Wester 7
- Pat Lambert 5

Because of the new on-line release forms I did not get a list of participants, but from the rides I was on our activities were well attended. We continued to have a lot of participants from other areas and bicycle clubs that have not yet restarted. Hopefully some of these riders will become regulars.

There were no incidence on any of our rides and there was good support for the COVID protocols. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we ate a lot of socially distanced ice cream and cider donuts.

With COVID limiting us, we were not able to add any new leaders this year, but we have a few in the pipe line who hopefully will become regulars next year.

We continued to use MailChimp (an email marketing tool) to send emails to our subscribers and cycling leaders. MailChimp was used to promote upcoming bicycle rides and provided direct links to the AMC database activity listing. We started 2020 with 199 email subscribers and as of November 1, we have increased to 228 subscribers.

Cycle Touring and Bikepacking both restarted this year. We only had 5 trips, but was good to see these activities able to restart in a COVID safe fashion.

The coming year will be my fifth and in all probability last year as bicycling chair, we are actively looking for a volunteer to take on this position for 2023. If you are interested now would be a good time to learn about this rewarding position.

Neil Schutzman Bicycling Chair, AMC Worcester Chapter

Skiing Report

There were a number of ski related events that did not run either due to Covid or poor snow conditions in the winter of 2020-2021. We all hope the upcoming season will be much better than last year. Plans are to run the Blue Gentian Trip and also some day trips for XC skiing at Waterville Valley.

The ever-intrepid Bruce Wester continued to send out email alerts for the non-AMC gathering of Wachusett ski pass holders who meet on week day mornings and booted up in the car for some early lift served downhill.

Think Snow!

Respectfully Submitted,

Social Report

As Social Chair, my role is to encourage camaraderie and foster social well-being within the chapter. Due to group size limits and social distancing potlucks, traditional socials, and post hike activities proved more of a challenge but we found a way!

In May of 2021, the Worcester Chapter partnered with New England Orienteering introducing AMC members to the sport of Orienteering. Participants learned about the sport, how to read Orienteering maps, basic compass skills and completed two Orienteering courses. In July, a traditional Social was held at Stone Cow Brewery in Barre, MA. In November, the Worcester Chapter held a Forest Bathing Immersion Experience with Nadine Mazzola, Certified Forest Therapy Guide and founder/director of New England Nature and Forest Therapy Consulting.

According to our members, participating in AMC events (hikes, cycles, paddles, etc.) is the best way to meet and socialize with like-minded people. I want to thank all leaders for offering events as they were the cornerstone for social interactions during the year.

Respectfully submitted, Vanessa Butler Social Chair

3rd Wednesday Report

Vanessa Butler and myself, Erin Doolittle, joined Fred Mezynski as co-leaders of Third Wednesday last winter and started learning the ropes. We've had some great speakers despite the difficulties this year has presented. Until last month, all our presentations were on Zoom, which, while not as fun as meeting in person, was a nice way to bring a little entertainment and education into our lives. We took a tour of the Harvard Forest, did a little forest bathing, learned about the hiking trails in Worcester, and got lots of tips on taking good photos. In October, we met at the Northborough Historic Society for our first in-person gathering in more than a year, and had a great time with our speaker, Russ Cohen, who told us all about the wild edibles of Worcester County and treated us to some Black Birch tea and delicious black walnut goodies. The coming year is shaping up well. We have speakers lined up for the next four months - three virtual and one in person - and maybe, just maybe, we will have a Stringbean in our midst this spring or summer!

Respectfully submitted, Erin Doolittle 3rd Wednesday Committee

Conservation Report

One of the main highlights captured this year was being able to be part of Trailsfest. During this event, I was able to be part of an awesome group of volunteers from our Chapter as we planned out conservation themed events. It was awesome as I got to plan my creativity around this event, as I got to share my own thoughts and ideas with regards to how to mold conservation into inperson hiking activities and virtual events. The theme assigned to me was Land trusts and what they do. A brief synopsis of lands trusts is that they provide a critical role in acquiring and protecting specific areas of land. These purchases of land could be funded by a grant or even collected through donations by the public that are interested in saving open land before development or even just as simple as our protecting precious ecosystems. Land trusts are usually built with a core of environmental constituents including several volunteers that have a strong passion for the outdoors. What really makes conservation blossom is all the volunteers that makes up land trusts and other non-profit organizations such as the AMC. We would not be where we are now in conservation efforts, if it was not for all the hard work our volunteers do for our chapter!

Overall, it is important for everyone to come together, especially now, and engage, as well as educate one another in all aspects of conservation. Nature holds many esthetic values both environmental and human-alike. To us, being outdoors brings a sense of serenity, peacefulness, and gives us motivation to plan and execute trips on both trails and waterways. Just remember, we are stronger in numbers, and together we can all help make a difference to protect our public lands and natural resources that we cherish each day. Coming soon there is going to be a conservation challenge in which everyone can participate in. This challenge will help protect our planet, even if it is a small percentage we can save. Stay tuned for more detail!

Thank you to all the Worcester Chapter members out there for your continued support and interest in Conservation!

Jonathan DiRodi Conservation Chair AMC Worcester Chapter

Families Report

In 2021 we saw an upswing in Families program activities from the prior year. Although we have not yet reached pre-COVID-19 levels, we have increased our partnership with Families Outdoors and Educators Outdoors, formerly the Youth Opportunities Program (YOP). Notable highlights of 2021 include:

- TrailsFest. We continued the tradition of participating in TrailsFest, celebrating National Trails Day by leading a families hike at Wachusett Meadows.
- Families Outdoors. Based on groundwork laid in 2020, we supported a families
 educational paddling program organized by Families Outdoors by providing resources
 and leaders.
- FallFest. In celebration of FallFest, we offered a seasonal favorite: We organized an apple-picking event at Berlin Orchards in conjunction with the 20s and 30s group, culminating in a social with apple cider, cider donuts, and kettle corn enjoyed at the farm.

 Educators Outdoors. In collaboration with Educators Outdoors of the Center for Outdoor Learning and Leadership, we are participating in the grand opening of the AMC Worcester Gear Shed Open House, which provides access to equipment to a diverse population for all to enjoy the outdoors. We will host an information table and promote our families offerings to partners and the general public.

We will continue to work with the AMC Volunteer Relations team and other AMC chapters to strengthen the variety and volume of families activities going forward. To that end, Chapter Family Outings meetings have been initiated to share ideas for how we can work together in support of family-oriented events and are scheduled to continue in 2022.

Once we have achieved a greater level of comfort post-pandemic, we hope to resume joint activities with the Boston, Berkshire, and Connecticut chapters and plan to initiate activities with such organizations as Scouts and Mass Audubon. The goal is to extend our offerings to programs that focus on conservation, safety, culture, history, and geology as well as seasonal activities that may include wildlife tracking and maple sugaring demonstrations.

My sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the Families program this year. I encourage you to plan family-oriented activities, including hikes, local walks, climbs, cycling, paddling, camping, or any other events that you think may be of interest to children and their families. I look forward to your increased participation in 2022. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted, Ingrid Molnar Families Chair

Paddling Report

Paddling With the COVID Vaccine

For 2021, paddling has returned nearly to pre-COVID levels with 39 trips scheduled - if only the weather had cooperated vs this Summer's record-breaking rain. Still, that rain helped keep the rivers full - to overflowing at times - and 34 trips proceeded to plan.

The COVID-19 Pandemic remained a constraint, encouraging round trip paddle routes & neglect of old favorites that require staging cars. But the COVID picture has eased somewhat as discussed further below.

Big picture, we've had the usual hard working leaders running trips, welcoming a broad range of participants & HAVING FUN - as is the Worcester Chapter way. One measure of Worcester's welcome is the season's 10 boat loans (so far) - even if a reduction from last year's unprecedented 16 (in half a season) driven by the widespread COVID inspired enthusiasm for getting outdoors.

We've had paddle camping too, on the Quaboag, Deerfield & two nights at a spectacular island campsite on Lake Lila in New York State's Adirondacks park thanks to David Miller. There

were also the Gorman Chairback & Maine House weekends. What far flung adventures might leaders find up their sleeves for next year?

Being a conservation organization, we also did several on the water trash cleanups, 1) at Fisherville Pond & Blackstone River lead by Jose Schroen, 2) Pat Thibodeau instigating a major tire roundup (4 canoe's worth despite leaving much for a return visit) on Lake Quinsigamond north of Main St., & 3) the Assabet River from Northborough (midnight dumping at the put in) to the Hudson Library (two derelict boats removed) in conjunction with OARS3Rivers.org. A big thanks to Shrewsbury and Hudson Departments of Public Works for trucking away our treasures - & to Ken Pickren for calling them to arrange it.

And we had the Bill Zahave and Sharon Whalen duo evenings on Whitehall (12), Elaine Cibelli (5), Pat Thibodeau (3), the dynamic Steph Keimig providing her third annual kayaking instruction (1), the unstoppable David Miller (10), Jeffrey Mayes for families (1), Jose Schroen (1), Joe Massery headlining the Gorman Chairback adventure (1) and my getting roped in variously.

In response to which I hear rumors of active leaders receiving tokens of appreciation along the lines of last year's. Join the fun & get your prize too.

In the larger club wide context, Worcester continued to work with the paddling committee of the Berkshire Chapter (which renamed itself the Western Massachusetts Chapter, as their activities are hardly centered on, let alone exclusive to that single far west county). Worcester can take advantage of their whitewater program and opportunities to work with the disadvantaged. Meanwhile we bring them our experience and our paddles out their way, optionally posted also with them.

The Interchapter Paddling Committee which last year allocated 10's of 1000's of dollars and to which Worcester donated \$1500, received no contribution from Worcester this year. I requested none as the IPC funded only a single project, and that one internal to the club. We need more waterway related projects seeking funding!

Getting back to COVID, the picture has evolved with the widespread availability of vaccines mid spring. The Massachusetts Governor's dropped his "masks at all times" mandate. Ride sharing and participant numbers were relaxed. The use of electronic registration via the Trip Listing Database was made no longer mandatory as long as paper waivers are submitted within 7 days. And just weeks ago AMC headquarters granted leaders permission to require proof of vaccine or a negative test for participation in their trips. (Which in turn, sadly, speaks to the reality of non-universal vaccine acceptance & the emergence of dangerous COVID variants).

Speaking of submitting waivers, may I suggest leaders take a photo immediately upon everyone signing. That'll provide insurance against loss, but also places it just a few clicks away from submission - though with this caveat. In the past the email address amcwaiver@outdoors.org has been limited in the file size it can accept. If you email me your photo, I can reduce its size before submitting it.

Sorry, caveat number two: the latest paper waiver form itself is a peculiar beast, being two pages, lacking a place to fill in emergency contact info, having few lines for participants and referring at the top not to "activities" but only to camps and cabins. May it get better soon.

To end on a positive note, I had the pleasure of sharing a bit of the Worcester Chapter way of paddling by posting to the AMC club blog an invitation for folks to transition their paddling skills from still water to a bit of current. Being comfortable paddling moderately moving water makes our local waterways fully accessible for your enjoyment. You can find the article by typing into your Google search string: www.outdoors.org "Current Affairs."

David Elliott Worcester Chapter Paddling Chair

Leadership Report

We Continue to Live in Interesting Times. The year 2021 has been another challenging one for the AMC and the Worcester Chapter. The Covid-19 Virus has significantly impacted the number and types of activities. Even so, a lot has been accomplished and more will be done in 2022. Kudos to both veteran and our new leaders for their efforts. Without your creativity, and the hours of participation, the Worcester Chapter would not be at the forefront of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

From the data available, the Chapter sponsored 378 events and 444 activities in 2021.

Hiking	199
Bicycling	92
Paddling	48
Social	36
Backpacking	25
Young Members	15
Family	4
Trails	10
Skiing	2
Climbing	4
Programs	9
Total Activities	444

The highlight this year has been in the area of 'Leader Recruiting and Development'; as well as in the area of formal on-line 'Leaders in Training'. This very well received program was done in partnership with the Western Massachusetts Chapter.

The number of people expressing interest in Leadership is exciting. We have 6 new leaders this year. The current pipeline of leaders in training totals 9. This does not include those leaders that have added to the categories of trips they are qualified to lead. (examples; local hiking to upcountry hiking, or road biking to Touring).

Our ongoing efforts to enhance the skills of our members continued with Wilderness First Aid Training in May, June and July. Both WFA and Leadership Training will be offered again in

2022. In addition, our activity chairs held workshops on Backpacking, Bike-packing, Winter Hiking, Navigation, Crampon and Ice Axe Use, and Trail Maintenance.

Respectfully Submitted, Paul A. Glazebrook Leadership Chair

Membership Report

I took over as Membership Chair a year ago. It's been a quiet year in that department, not surprisingly, but I'm hoping things ramp up soon, as the pandemic (hopefully) subsides. Mostly, I've been learning about how Membership works, what the membership looks like, and thinking of ways to serve our community and expand our ranks. I had a meeting with Teri Morrow to discuss all these things recently and hope to turn my attention to membership related issues soon. As a tie-in, I'm hoping we can draw in a younger audience to the Third Wednesday speaker series and entice them to join as members.

Respectfully submitted, Erin Doolittle Membership Chair

Communications Report

We took over the Communications Chair role this year and realized that we had big shoes to fill! The role was split: Christine was responsible for the monthly email updates (also referred to as 'blasts') and Janice was responsible for the quarterly newsletter, *Wachusett Views*. With many of the major Chapter events continuing to be virtual (e.g.: Third Wednesday Speaker Series, Annual TrailsFest), the email blasts and newsletter communications remained a critical avenue for Worcester Chapter members to stay informed on happenings within the Chapter and AMC as an organization.

We started off the year with a photo contest. We received many beautiful pictures taken by our members and selected the top three photos to include in the Spring Newsletter. Newsletter articles included Advance Notice of Chapter Workshops (e.g.: Cycling, Backpacking), Chapter Events such as TrailsFest (the Annual Celebration of National Trails Day) and the Annual Meeting; along with MidState Trail News, Leave No Trace, and stories / pictures contributed by our members.

In Spring 2021, the newsletter was sent to 1,468 AMC Worcester Chapter members; in Fall 2021, it was sent to 1,658 members—an annual increase of 13%. In addition, the average open rate for the newsletter was 38.7% which is above average for this type of communication. The national average is 18%.

For the monthly email blast, in January, it was sent to 1,503 AMC Worcester Chapter members; in October 2021, it was sent to 1,799 members—an annual increase of nearly 20%. In addition,

the average open rate for the email blast was 39.4% which is above average for this type of communication. The national average is 18%.

For 2022, the Communications Chair role will be combined and will be held by one person, Julia Palumbo. Christine will become the AMC Worcester Chapter's Vice Chair and Janice will step down from the Executive Committee entirely. We thank Volunteer Relations for providing email blast content and support with the communications software tools. We also thank our members for providing engaging content for inclusion in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Melchiore Christine Pignatiello

Hiking Report

While the hope was that the 2021 hiking season would be 'more normal' with the covid pandemic waning, it persisted and continued to have an impact for hiking and backpacking activities. We'll certainly take the reduction of the strict protocols which eventually were in place for the 2020 season.

Still, our hiking and backpacking leaders offered about 63 trips (and counting) in 2021. 2021 was a good time for local hikes as so many of our leaders offered these outings.

The Explore Your Inner Winter Hiker hikes associated with the 2020 Winter Workshop were a great success with many participants going the distance with the experience gained, venturing out on their own. Thanks to the many winter hiking leaders for sharing their experience and love for that season. Since we had to remain in state for much of the time, it was learned we have many great winter hiking locations in Mass. Instead of the White's, Greylock turned out to be a gem.

As we turned the corner to spring, we had another very successful Backpacking Workshop and subsequent trips. As with the Winter Workshop, we had a great number of enthusiastic participants coming up to speed quickly. Great thanks to the many dedicated backpacking leaders who participated in this program.

2021 was also a great year for hiking Leaders in Training with so many earning their hike leader certification. Thanks to the many leader mentors for helping in this extremely important endeavor

The Worcester Chapter is blessed to have the support of so many great people.

Respectfully Submitted, Walt Lazarz Hiking Chair

DEI Report

The Worcester Chapter has made great strides in achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) objectives throughout the year and is well poised to continue into next year and beyond. It is an honor to serve as the Chapter's first DEI Chair, a position that was created last year out of a need to focus more concertedly on making AMC a more inclusive organization and infusing DEI into everything we do. Highlights from this year include:

- Including pieces in the Wachusett Views newsletter that augments peoples' understanding of DEI through stories that shed light on DEI-related challenges, news, and perspectives. The newsletter is an effective vehicle for sharing resources, and thus I will continue to include educational pieces related to inclusion in the outdoors going forward.
- Closely collaborating with AMC's Educators Outdoors (formerly Youth Opportunities Program, or YOP) team to install a new AMC Gear Shed in Worcester. Not only will this be a continued resource for the Worcester-based schools and other groups who already borrow gear for day and overnight trips, but it will be available to the broader Worcester community for whom access to gear is a barrier to outdoor recreation. The Worcester Chapter 20s & 30s hosted a "Stain Day," whereby a group of five volunteers joined to stain the building, learn about its function, and experience the GWLT's beautiful Cascading Waters property, where the shed is located. We look forward to more events this fall, including the Gear Shed Open House on November 13 and a social at the shed on December 12. As we head into the new year, we will continue to work closely with AMC staff, Educators Outdoors partners, and Worcester Chapter leaders to ensure that we make getting outdoors with AMC as accessible as possible.
- Developing and sharing guidance for the Executive Committee recruitment and nomination process that has made the procedure more inclusive. The guide offers helpful strategies for identifying and recruiting a diverse pool of applicants to serve in volunteer leadership positions. It will continue to be updated and shared as we further strive to make the nominating process more equitable and chapter leadership representative of the communities we serve.
- Contributing to the inter-chapter DEI Volunteer Representatives group, a subcommittee of the Chapters Committee comprised of the DEI Chairs from all 12 chapters. This group has created a regular space where people can talk about DEI at AMC and has identified ways for AMC to help volunteers increase awareness and understanding of how to actively work towards a more inclusive and equitable culture. The strategy includes supporting the development of new learning resources, including the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Learning & Self-Assessment Resources guide, a self-paced learning document available at outdoors.org, and the Common DEI Language Reference Guide.

I look forward to another year of goal setting, collaboration, and achievement as we continue on our journey to make AMC and the outdoors an equitable and welcoming place for all.

Respectfully submitted, Alexandra Molnar DEI Chair

Trails Committee Report

2021 was our 20th season continuing the reconstruction work on the Pine Hill Trail at Wachusett Mountain. The Trail was originally constructed by the CCC as a ski trail in the 1930's, however

since it has become very popular, it has widened considerably into a steep, eroded trail. We spent time this year splitting rock, quarrying rock with the high line system and building the trail treadway itself on the section of trail above the intersection of the Downhill Road.

This year we worked at the GWLT at their Kettlebrook Parking Lot to celebrate National Trails Day by cleaning up and improving the Parking Lot with a load gravel and with some trail work.

The Chapter entered into a 2 Year Volunteer Service Agreement with the DCR to promote an Adopt-A-Trail Program at Wachusett Mountain State Reservation. We had several meetings to iron out the details, Basic Maintenance Skills sessions to train the Adopters. Emerson Grant and Mike Foley lead some group outings to improve the Trails on Wachusett.

The Mid-State Trail continued their work and. Some members also worked on the Stratton Mountain area of the LT/AT.

Please, consider joining us in one of our many events in 2022, or better yet we need lots of help on the committee and have a variety of tasks you could help out with. We can use some help with the marketing and administration of the committee. Photographers, trail Ambassadors, social media activities and writing articles for the newsletters or blogging.

Submitted by Stephen Crowe Worcester Chapter Trails Committee Chair

Midstate Trail Report

2021 was a year of challenges for the Midstate Trail Committee, but the trail is in great shape and usage is higher than it's ever been. The committee's treasurer since 2005, Mark DuBois, stepped down in March and Mies Bastille replaced him in June. Emily Merlino is now the committee's "Merch Maven", having taken over Mark's former role managing guidebook and patch sales. Sales were heavy during the pandemic with 1000 guidebooks and 250 patches totaling \$5,670 being ordered to replenish depleted stock.

The record wet summer led to heavy overgrowth on open sections of the trail, increasing exposure risk for ticks. Frequent storm events with heavy winds led to many blowdowns, putting pressure on our diminished sawyer crew (more on that below). Maintainers volunteered over 400 hours on the trail this year and committee members and some others put in an equal number of volunteer hours off the trail.

In June, Don Hoffses, who had taken over as Trail Supervisor from Ed Faron in 2020, announced his retirement due to burn-out. Ed temporarily resumed the role. Ed, who turned 80 this year and has been a dedicated Worcester Chapter volunteer leader and advocate for the Midstate Trail for nearly 30 years is also burnt out. The committee is seeking multiple volunteers to take on the multiple roles of the trail supervisor as soon as possible.

One of these roles includes coordinating the committee's 30-plus maintainers of fixed sections of the trail. Another role is coordinating the training and deployment of the committee's sawyers and swampers. Yet another role is maintaining relationships with landowners along the trail.

Steve Crowe is now helping to work the committee's issues with training and land agreements with the AMC and Bill Degutis is now onboarding and training new maintainers. Ed intends to remain in his role managing the equipment shed.

Two specific challenges have directly led to both Don and Ed's burn-out. The first was a lack of support from the AMC on sawyer training. In April, a sawyer training course was arranged and delivered by the AMC, but they told the committee that the training would be restricted to just sawyers who were re-certifying. This shut out two new Midstate Trail sawyer candidates that the committee urgently needed to fill in for retired sawyers. At the training, hosted in Ed Faron's back yard, the AMC invited six additional attendees, two of which were new sawyers. The two new attendees received certification even though it was only a one-day course. New sawyers universally have required a two-day course for initial certification.

The second challenge has been renewing the license agreement with Mass. Fish & Wildlife (F&W) to allow the existence of the trail on five of the properties they manage. The Committee had secured a prior agreement that expired in 2017 and following that, Ed Faron worked diligently to prepare the required forms, supporting maps and documentation under F&W's new and stricter processes. The AMC wanted to combine the committee's submission with others, so Ed passed the materials off to the AMC Director of Conservation & Recreation Policy in February, 2020. Many months passed where the AMC was unresponsive to calls and emails.

In preparations for the October MST Massive Ultra race, where over 150 folks would be running over a dangerously deteriorating bridge on the trail on F&W land in Leicester, the F&W denied the committee permission to fix the bridge because the committee's license application had not yet been received for approval from the AMC. The license was still not submitted to F&W when this report was entered in November, 2021.

In better news, a Mass Recreational Trails grant for around \$40,000 was approved to rehab a heavily overused three-quarter mile section of Midstate Trail on Mt Watatic with stone steps. The project's implementation has been delayed until 2022 due to the pandemic, however. A series of bog bridge replacements that was built in partnership with the DCR at Mt. Watatic was completed in September with \$960 of funding paid for by the Midstate trail bridging fund.

There were several property owners who requested or forced trail reroutes. A major reroute of the section between Lovett Rd. and Town Farm Rd. in Oxford, putting the trail onto the busy and often dangerous Sutton Ave. may be permanent.

On September 20th, a hiker reported that "trip wires" were placed across the trail on social media and the story got picked up by local press and the Boston networks. It turned out that they were yellow dog fencing lines that had been in place for months. The Committee scrambled to inform the press of the error and most press outlets issued corrections.

The Committee, along with the Trails Committee, submitted an endowment request to the chapter for \$4,500 on behalf of the Greater Worcester Land Trust for expansion of an existing camping area at GWLT's KinneyWoods property in North Worcester/Holden. The request was approved at the September Executive Committee meeting and construction will begin in 2022.

Please reach out to this committee at mst@amcworcester.org or check out www.midstatetrail.org. As mentioned above, the committee is seeking volunteer leaders and are also always seeking volunteers for trail maintenance and to lead Midstate Trail hikes.

Programs Report

Like so many other aspects of the Chapter's activities, Programs was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the public health measures to respond to it. Consequently, we were not able to hold our typical TrailsFest celebration with large in-person events. As an alternative, we decided to hold a hybrid TrailsFest of both small in-person events coupled with a virtual event. We planned the celebration over the course of four weeks, with outdoor activities happening during the week and the virtual event (which included a guest speaker) on Saturday evenings. And this all culminated in the main celebration on National Trails Day (June 5th this year).

Each week we conducted small group activities (hiking, biking, paddling) with over 150 participants and 26 individual events over the course of 4 weeks. Each week's activities was capped off with the on-line virtual event featuring a guest speaker series. TrailsFest activities and speakers were organized around weekly themes, including Environmental Clean-up, Restorative Value of the Outdoors, Conservation and Private Land Trusts, and Trails Maintenance. Activities that appealed to a wide range of interests and audiences were offered in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, including plogging/pliking/plaking (the Swedish concept of picking up trash while jogging/walking/hiking/biking), evening hikes, paddles, river clean-ups on Lake Quinsigamond and Fisherville Pond, cycling rides, socials, and trail work at Mount Wachusett and Kirby Conservation Area in Ashburnham.

The virtual gatherings invited speakers of different backgrounds to share their expertise related to the weekly theme. Former Worcester Chapter Chair, Steve Ciras, kicked off the series with an interactive presentation on Leave No Trace followed in the second week by musician and former New England Trail Artist in Residence Ben Cosgrove, who led a performance and conversation about his music writing inspiration and experience living and performing at several National Parks. Kristen Sykes, Director of Southern New England Conservation Projects and Partnerships at AMC, spoke around the theme of local land trusts, painting a picture of the sights and resources on the lesser known Bay Circuit Trail. And for the final week celebrating National Trails Day, Cristin Bailey from the US Forest Service enlightened attendees about everything that goes into trail maintenance with a specific lens on the trails in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Thanks to sponsors Fjallraven, Athletic Brewing Company, Burgeon Outdoor, and REI, 16 prizes—including beer, gift cards, and outdoor gear—were awarded to participants over the four weeks with one grand prize drawing at the end.

Video recordings of the virtual event and guest speaker were made and posted to the Chapter's video library on VIMEO.

The planning committee consisted of: Chris Bope, Vanessa Butler, Steve Crowe, Jon DiRodi, Erin Doolittle, Walt Lazar, Alex Molnar, Ingrid Molnar, Zenya Molnar, and Michael Hauck

(Programs Chair).

The Annual Meeting (now the responsibility of Programs rather than Membership) was again virtual this year.

There were no other special events or programs planned for 2021.

Submitted: 10/24/21 Michael Hauck Programs Chair

WORCESTER CHAPTER APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUBBY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization is the WORCESTER CHAPTER OF THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, herein referred to as the Chapter. It is an administrative sub-division of the APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, herein referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Chapter is to cooperate with and to further the objectives of the Appalachian Mountain Club as a whole, and in particular as they may encompass Worcester County and adjacent regions.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Appalachian Mountain Club Worcester Chapter shall consist of those members who requested such affiliation upon initial membership or upon request at the member's yearly renewal with the Appalachian Mountain Club.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The administration of the Chapter shall be vested in an Executive Committee, herein referred to as the ExecComm, consisting of the elected officers: Chapter Chair, Chapter Vice-Chair, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, and the Chapter's Immediate Past Chair as well as the Chairs of each of the Chapter Committees.

Each member of the ExecComm may cast one vote at any ExecComm meeting attended by them personally or by their designated representative, on any and all matters which come before the ExecComm for a vote. In the event that a position is shared by (2) two or more people (such as co-chairs), then they may cast only one vote between them. In the event that a committee member holds more than one position, that member is entitled to only one vote per motion. ExecComm officers and Chairs shall have the right, with notification to the Chapter Chair, to send to meetings of the ExecComm a representative who may serve in their place and vote in his or her stead. No other person may vote at ExecComm meetings.

The Chapter Chair may, with the approval by majority vote of the ExecComm, appoint other non-voting advisory members to the Exec Comm, with the length of service to be set at the time of appointment.

Section 2. The ExecComm will normally meet nine times per year at regular intervals or at the call of the Chair. Also, the Chapter Chair shall call a meeting at the request of six members of the committee. All ExecComm meetings will be open to attendance by members of the Club. **Section 3.** One third of the voting members of the ExecComm rounded to the nearest whole number shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. In the absence or disability of the Chapter Chair, the order of succession is as follows: Chapter Vice-Chair, Chapter Secretary, and Chapter Treasurer.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee is a standing committee consisting of at least three Chapter members appointed by the Chapter Chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the ExecComm. This committee shall prepare a list of candidates for Chapter officers and all Chapter Committee Chairs.

The Nominating Committee shall consult all proposed Chapter Officers and committee chairs and obtain the consent of all nominees.

If the Chapter Nominating Committee is unable to find a candidate for any position on the ExecComm, that position shall remain vacant until such time as a candidate can be found. The Nominating Committee shall send the complete slate to the Chapter Secretary at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The final slate of Chapter officers recommended by the nominating Committee will be published in the Annual Meeting Notice for the given year. Any Chapter member desiring to place additional candidate(s) in nomination may do so by sending to the Chapter Secretary, not later than 60 days before the Annual Meeting, nomination paper(s) with the name(s) of the suggested candidate(s), the office(s) desired, and a statement indicating consent to serve, if elected. Ten Chapter members must co-sign each nomination paper. Upon receipt of the nomination paper(s) the Chapter Secretary shall inform the Chapter Membership of the alternate slate of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting. The consenting candidate(s) will then be placed in nomination at the Annual Meeting.

Section 6. The Chapter shall call its members to general assembly at least once annually at times designated by the ExecComm. One of these shall be the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Section 7. The members of the Chapter ExecComm shall be elected by a majority vote of the Chapter membership at the Chapter Annual Meeting and shall assume office immediately and hold it until the next Chapter Annual Meeting. If the slate of Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs is unopposed the Chapter Secretary shall cast one vote for election.

Section 8. Should a vacancy occur in the ExecComm prior to the Chapter Annual Meeting, said Committee shall appoint by majority vote a consenting member of the Chapter to fill such vacancy until the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Section 9. No official pronouncement in the name of the Appalachian Mountain Club which involves opinion or policy in matters of public interest shall be made by the Chapter, a Chapter Committee, or any Chapter member which is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the Appalachian Mountain Club. The Chapter, upon consent of the ExecComm, may make pronouncements on local matters only.

Section 10. Any Chapter Officer or Committee Chair may form one or more sub-committees to provide assistance in executing assigned duties.

Section 11. Any Chapter member wishing to change any Chapter policy will, upon presentation of 10 Chapter members' signatures, have a petition listed among the agenda for the next general assembly of the Chapter for its consideration.

Section 12. The majority vote of the Chapter Membership at general assembly on any Chapter policy is the final and overriding decision on any policy of the Chapter.

Section 13. Any Chapter Officer or Committee Chair may be removed from office at an ExecComm meeting, by a vote of three fourths of the Committee members present and voting, provided that a notice of the proposed removal has been sent to all board members at least seven days prior to such vote.

Section 14. The Endowment Committee is a standing committee consisting of the Endowment Chair and at least (4) four other members appointed by the Chapter Chair with the advice and consent of the ExecComm. The Endowment Committee is responsible for reviewing all applications submitted in accordance with the Endowment Guidelines and forwarding recommendations to the full ExecComm for approval.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The Chapter Chair shall preside at all meetings of the ExecComm and the Annual Meeting and shall supervise the duties of the Chapter Officers and Chapter Committees. The

Chapter Chair shall also attend the Club's Annual Meeting and all other Club-wide meetings where Chapter participation is required or designate another Chapter Officer or Committee member to be a substitute.

Section 2. In addition to the duties listed in Article IV, Section 4, the Chapter Vice-Chair (upon consent) shall assume other responsibilities as may be delegated by the ExecComm or the Chapter Chair. The Chapter Vice-Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of Chapter Chair in the event said office is vacated before the term of office is completed.

Section 3. The Chapter Secretary shall give notice of all Chapter ExecComm Meetings and provide a written copy of the minutes of each ExecComm Meeting to each member of the Exec Comm. The minutes will be subject to ratification at the next ExecComm Meeting. The Chapter Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and the records of the Chapter and shall conduct correspondence of the Chapter as requested. Meeting minutes and records shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years.

Section 4. The Chapter Treasurer shall receive all funds paid to or belonging to the Chapter, shall disburse the same under the direction of the ExecComm, shall keep proper accounts and provide a report of receipts, disbursements and assets at each Chapter ExecComm Meeting subject to ratification by the committee. The Chapter Treasurer shall safeguard and maintain a record of all other Chapter assets and the location of such assets. At the Chapter Annual Meeting a fiscal report of Chapter assets and disbursements shall be given to the Chapter general assembly. The Chapter Treasurer shall also oversee the budgets of the Chapter Committees and officers.

ARTICLE VI. ASSETS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Chapter funds may be disbursed by vote of the Exec Comm. Appropriations consistent with approved budgets within Chapter Committees are subject to review by the Chapter Exec Comm.

Section 2. No expenditure over \$10,000 shall be made for which the Appalachian Mountain Club could be held responsible unless it has been authorized by the AMC Board of Directors.

Section 3. Title to, or leasehold of any real estate or property administered by the Chapter must be taken in the name of the CLUB, the only legal entity capable of taking title to, owning, or leasing property.

ARTICLE VII. BYLAWS

Section 1. These Bylaws shall be reviewed as important developments so warrant. Proposed amendments shall be made by majority vote of the Chapter Exec Comm subject to ratification by the Chapter Membership at an Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The Chapter Membership shall be notified of proposed Bylaws Amendments prior to the meeting at which they will be up for ratification. This information shall be communicated in an official Chapter publication such as the Annual Meeting Notice, the newsletter, or other forms of communication used to provide information to Chapter members.

Section 3. A copy of the Bylaws shall be made available to any Appalachian Mountain Club members requesting them from the Chapter Secretary.

Section 4. These Bylaws will be subject to the approval of the Club's Board of Directors.

Section 5. Bylaws adopted by the Club supersede any and all Bylaws adopted by the Chapter.

Last bylaws revision date: November 2012

PAST CHAIRS OF THE WORCESTER CHAPTER APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

1918-20	Albert H. Inman
1920-22	Owen W. Kennedy
1922-24	W. Gray Harris
1924-25	Bert Greenwood
1925-26	Arthur J. Young
1926-28	Fred Holdworth, Jr.
1928-30	William Beaumont
1930-32	John B. Knowlton
1932-34	Harry E. Carson
1934-36	Arthur Snow
1936-38	Bradley B. Gilman
1938-40	Ralph E. Hale
1940-42	A. Gerry Blodgett
1942-44	Stuart Van Buren
1944-46	John H. Hitchcock
1946-48	Harold D. Woodbury
1948-50	J. Adams Holbrook
1950-52	Lawrence Corbett
1952-54	Alson C. Patton
1954-56	Richard R. Leonard
1956-58	Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.
1958-60	Stanton H. Whitman
1960-62	Berton G. Towle
1962-64	James L. Marston
1964-66	Kenyon C. Maynard
1966-68	John F. Stiles, Jr.
1968-70	Melvin H. Knapp

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Charles A. Keisling
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S. Bruce Snow
Carol R. Kanis
Michael Allega
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Roy E. Johnson
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Paul V. Meleski
Paul Adams
Kathleen Ondrasik
Bruce Harmon
Andy Wojcikowski
Bruce Blais
Jim Walsh
Barbara Dyer
Sharon Foster
Steven V. Ciras
Patricia Lambert
Charlie Arsenault
Dave Cole
Joe Massery
Kim Beauchemin

