

The Friends of the Wapack

invite you to our

2018 Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 20

Sharon Meeting House, Rte. 123, Sharon, NH

Featured Guest Speaker: Paul Willis "Game Camera Captures at Binney Hill"



Paul Willis lives in the shadow of the Wapack Trail. From the time Paul, and wife, Vicki moved to their New Ipswich home 23 years ago, there has been a path from their house to the Trail - which has gotten lots of use. Paul and Vicki have been volunteer monitors of the Wapack Wilderness since the easement was purchased by Northeast Wilderness Trust. Retired from a career in the Newspaper industry, Paul has been monitoring game cameras on the Binney Hill Preserve for two years.

Paul's presentation will feature photos and videos captured on these game cameras, showing a surprisingly large variety of wildlife including moose and bear, and even the occasional human. He will also talk about what he has learned about game cameras and their optimal placement in the process.

Shelby Perry, Stewardship Director of Northeast Wilderness Trust, will also join us for a brief presentation on NWT and their conservation properties along the Wapack Trail. Shelby will update us on what has been happening on the Binney Hill Preserve since it's conservation as forever-wild in 2016 and on the Trust's future plans for the preserve. She will also share some photos and history of the wilderness easement that they hold to the north of the Binney Hill Preserve, known as the Wapack Wilderness. This special property was conserved in two phases, in 2007 and 2008, and so is celebrating its 10th year as wilderness this year!

Please join us for our 2018 Annual Meeting and enjoy an informative and entertaining presentation. We hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome!

9:00AM Hike (optional). Frank Robbins Trail, New Ipswich. Join us on a morning hike on the new Frank Robbins Trail, at the Binney Hill Preserve. Meet at 9:00 AM at the NewWest Mall on Routes

123/124 in New Ipswich, NH. We will car pool from there to Binney Hill Rd. where there is limited parking. For details contact Lee Baker (603) 525-5262 or email Lee at snowman3137@gmail.com.

Noon Informal "bring-your-own" lunch at Sharon Meeting House. The *Friends* will provide beverages and light desserts. *Bring a dessert to share if you like.*

1:00PM Speakers Paul Willis and Shelby Perry, followed by Friends of the Wapack business meeting with highlights from this year and election of officers.

Yes, there will be door prizes!

Directions to Sharon Meeting House:

From the East: Rt. 101 to blinking light for Rt. 123 South in Peterborough; left at 123, 3.7 miles to Sharon Meeting House, on left, a bit north and across the road from Sharon Arts Center, and behind the old Sharon brick school house.

From the West: Rt. 101 through traffic light in Peterborough; east to blinking light for Rt. 123 South; right onto Rt. 123 South (Elm Hill Rd.) 3.7 miles to Sharon Meeting House, on left.

From 202 North: Rt. 202 South to Peterborough; left at stop sign onto Rt. 101 East; east to blinking light for Rt. 123 South; proceed as above.