

**Groton Trails Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 1, 1998**

**Location:** Legion Hall Meeting Room

**In attendance:**

Robert Catlin, Douglas Furciniti, Paul Funch, Stephen Legge, Edward McNierney, Evan Owen, Stephen Prendergast (Absent: William Boston, Stacey Chilcoat, Bruce Clements, Wendy Good, John Head, Richard Lodge, Brad Paul, David Riggert)

1. No quorum was reached, so meeting was informal.
2. Ed McNierney raised the suggestion of having a place set aside for the Trails Committee's resources (books, pamphlets, reports, etc.). The Groton Public Library was discussed as a possibility and Ed said he would check into it.
3. Steve Legge provided copies of the "Report on Recommendations for a Trail Management Plan" that he obtained from the Hollis (NH) Trails Committee.
4. Steve Legge also presented his draft of "Proposed Activity Areas (Subcommittees?)" for the Committee, which continued the March 18 meeting discussion on how the Committee's work might be organized. The areas proposed were: 1) Trail mapping; 2) Trail management and maintenance; 3) Policy recommendations for trail use; 4) Coordination of trails with abutting towns; 5) Trail system planning; 6) Coordination, education, and negotiation with private landowners; and 7) Publicity. After an extended discussion, it was felt that areas 4), 5), and 6) had significant overlap and might be combined into one focus area. Also, three additional areas were suggested: 8) Monitoring new developments in town; 9) Sidewalks/bike trails along major busy roads (e.g., Rt. 119, Rt. 40, Chicopee Row, Longley Rd., Long Hill Rd., Pepperell Rd.); and 10) Trail booklet. Each Committee member then identified those areas which most interested them. This process seemed to help focus where individual attention and efforts would be best aimed.
5. Steve Prendergast offered to look into obtaining Global Positioning System (GPS) units for mapping the trails.
6. Steve Legge will continue to seek trails information from the Towns of Hollis and Carlisle. Paul Funch will make contact with the Towns of Lexington and Lincoln to obtain information on their trail development and maintenance.
7. Paul Funch offered to draft an article (for the Groton Herald?) describing the Trails Committee, its charter, and seeking input from the public.
8. The second meeting of the Trails Committee ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Funch, Secretary

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Date