

Groton Trails Committee
Minutes of Meeting
March 16, 1999

Location: Groton Public Library Meeting Room

Members In Attendance:

Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Paul Funch, Douglas Furciniti, Wendy Good, Edward McNierney, Stephen Prendergast

Members Absent:

Robert Catlin, Stephen Legge, Richard Lodge, Brad Paul, David Riggert

Guests:

none

1. Ed McNierney called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
2. Ed reported on his meeting with the Selectmen. They agreed they had dragged their feet on the Friedrich's land/trail issue and would continue to pursue it. The Selectmen also noted that we could request money for our needs (maps, brochures, signs, etc.) but that they would have to sign off on the requests. After the meeting, Ed provided some information to Christine Long of The Groton Herald for an article she wrote about the Trails Committee that appeared in the March 19 edition.
3. Ed handed out the project lists (our "job jar") that had been supplied to him by the Committee members. He said that he would also put the list on the website he has developed.
4. Bruce Clements described the status of the Williams Barn (on the Mayfield Farm conservation land) restoration project.
 - a) There is a possibility that Andrew Searle (fund raiser for Groton Public Library) will help raise funds.
 - b) Bruce is planning to submit a matching grant to the State Historical Society. He will request \$25K on an article at Town Meeting that would be matched by the grant.
 - c) Bruce noted that two 30 cubic yard dumpsters were being provided for clearing out the barn on Saturday, March 20th, at 9:00 and volunteers were solicited. Josh Degen will be there with his Bobcat to assist.
5. The Project Leads and a few of the projects outlined at the February 16, 1999 meeting were discussed.
 - a) Ed and Bruce Easom will develop the field techniques for mapping using the GPS unit. One possibility is to use a meeting room in the Groton Library to provide the training to anyone who is interested in helping.
 - b) Ed obtained a list of Approved Definitive Plans as of March 1, 1999 from Michelle Collette and he distributed copies.
 - c) Bruce Clements and Wendy Good offered to develop a Town Land Inventory.
6. Wendy Good moved to accept the minutes of the February 16, 1999 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Clements and unanimously approved.

7. Bruce Easom moved, and Bruce Clements seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Funch
Secretary

Date

These minutes were approved unanimously on April 20, 1999.