

Groton Trails Committee

Minutes of Meeting

June 22, 1999

Location: Upstairs, Legion Hall

Members In Attendance:

Robert Catlin, Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Paul Funch, Douglas Furciniti, Wendy Good, Stephen Legge, Edward McNierney, Brad Paul, Stephen Prendergast

Members Absent:

David Riggert

Guests:

None

1. Ed McNierney called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Stephen Prendergast moved to accept the minutes of the May 18, 1999 meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Furciniti and unanimously approved.
3. Nominations for officers from May 18th meeting were reviewed (Chair: Brad Paul; Secretary: Bruce Easom) and new nominations were solicited. Steve Legge nominated Paul Funch for Vice Chair. Bob Catlin moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Steve Prendergast and unanimously approved.
4. Bruce Clements moved to elect the slate of officers for the term of July 1999 - June 2000. The motion was seconded by Bob and unanimously approved.
5. Wendy Good and Bruce Easom reported on their meetings with the Conservation Commission:
 - a) They received the Northwoods Subdivision Plans from Michelle Collette.
 - b) They toured the Northwoods subdivision to look for the conservation easements.
 - c) Bruce presented the following ideas to the Conservation Commission:
 - i) Put posts at entrances to easements. Con Comm had no problem with this.
 - ii) Help with cost of the posts (estimated \$100 per month). Con Comm thought this was too much, since they are planning signage of their own.
 - d) Bruce and Wendy joined the Con Comm on a site walk at Northwoods to identify easements. Proposed placements of posts were approved.
 - e) Bob suggested that Con Comm does not have a strong interest in dealing with easements relative to all the other issues they are dealing with. Having the Trails Committee take on this task would appear to be a productive apportionment of responsibilities.
6. Steve Legge reported on his findings relative to trail monumentation.

- a) He found that the Con Comm signs are engraved, stained green, and lettered in white. The primary sign that announces the Groton Conservation Commission is 49"x7.25"x1.75". The secondary sign announces the name of the land and is slightly smaller.
 - b) The signs cost about \$350 each, but Con Comm gets them for free from the Department of Environmental Management at Willard Brook State Park.
 - c) It is possible that the Trails Committee might get some signs through DEM at Willard Brook as well.
7. Work Projects
- a) Bruce Clements requested assistance in doing GPS mapping of the Skyfields II land to help, in conjunction with the drawings he had obtained, in determining the true course of the trail easements in that subdivision. Ed offered to help.
 - b) The July worktrip, headed by Ed, will be at the Northwoods subdivision to place the posts at the trail easements identified by Wendy and Bruce E.
8. Ed distributed final copies of the Town Forest Maps he had completed with inputs from Steve Legge and Paul Funch.
- a) Some discussion ensued on how the maps might be distributed to the public. Questions of who will handle them at Town Hall, who will handle the money, and how the Trail Committee will receive money to make additional copies, will all need to be addressed in the future.
 - b) Paul Funch suggested that a large version of the map be produced, laminated, and installed in a permanent sign at the entrance to the Town Forest. Paul will coordinate with the Town Forest Committee on this project.
 - c) Appreciation was expressed to Ed for the long hours he put into producing the final maps.
9. Stephen Prendergast moved, and Bob Catlin seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Funch
Secretary

Date

These minutes were approved unanimously on July 20, 1999.