

**Groton Trails Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting - DRAFT**  
**September 21, 1999**

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**Location:** Upstairs, Legion Hall

**Members in Attendance:**

Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Douglas Furciniti, Wendy Good, Edward McNierney, Brad Paul, Stephen Prendergast, David Riggert

**Members Absent:**

Robert Catlin, Paul Funch, Stephen Legge

**Guests:**

None

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.
- 2) The following two corrections were made to the draft of the minutes of the meeting of 17 August 1999.
  - a) To item 3, c, vi, the following was added, "We recognize the trail corridor is impassible and the actual trail cuts across the corner of one property owner."
  - b) To item 6, the word "marking" was struck and in its place was added "marking and maintenance"

After these corrections were noted, Wendy Good moved to accept the amended minutes of the August 17, 1999 meeting. The motion was seconded by David Riggert and then unanimously approved.

- 3) Brad Paul reported the following about his meeting with the selectmen.
  - a) The selectmen are happy with the work the Trails Committee has done so far.
  - b) The selectmen agreed that trail maintenance should be added to the mission statement of the Trails Committee with the proviso that Trails Committee contact the governing body(ies) of the parcels of land before acting.
  - c) The selectmen agreed to send a letter to Mr. Al Fredericks stating that they believed that Jenkins Road is still a public way. They believe that the burden of proof is upon Mr. Fredericks and that the barriers should come down until the issue is resolved.
- 4) Stephen Prendergast made a motion that the Trails Committee support the selectmen's decision to survey the disputed area near Jenkins Road. David Riggert

seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- 5) Dave Riggert reported the following concerning the plan to install two bridges and clear trails near Partridgeberry woods.
  - a) An application to the Conservation Commission is required before the bridges can be placed. A site walk with the Conservation Commission is scheduled for 9 October 1999 so that they can render an opinion as to where the bridges should be located.
  - b) The bridges are to be made using 2" x 6" and 2" x 8" boards for the bridge deck and steel beams with concrete abutments for the span. Concrete footings will be required to support the steel beams.
  - c) The project will require two tasks. The first is to build the two new bridges and the second is to clear trails to and from the new bridge locations.
  - d) A walk is scheduled with the Trails Committee on 28 September 1999 at 5:30 PM to flag the proposed location of the bridges and trails.
  - e) A Groton Conservation Commission meeting will be held on 12 October 1999, three days after their site walk, to either approve or disapprove of the bridge and trail plan.
  - f) Trail clearing is scheduled for Saturday 16 October 1999.
- 6) Stephen Prendergast agreed to contact the Old North Bridge Hounds to see if they would be willing to make a contribution toward the construction of the bridges.
- 7) Brad Paul reported that his tractor is working and he is ready to place the remaining three trailhead markers at the Northwoods subdivision.
- 8) Ed McNierney reported the following concerning mapping in the Town of Groton.
  - a) The new electronic version of the Assessor's maps is expected to be available in October 1999.
  - b) A new map from the Groton Conservation Trust should be available shortly showing all of the conservation land in Groton.
  - c) Ed agreed to organize a trail mapping outing for the fall. Committee members were requested to send in "wish lists" of areas to be surveyed and mapped.
  - d) Ed noted that the Casella land is coming up for development and that we should keep an eye on existing trails in the area.

9) Doug Furciniti announced that he intends to step down from the Trails Committee but still volunteer as a “Friend of the Committee” when possible. Brad Paul suggested that Doug send a letter of resignation to the Town Clerk.

10) Bruce Easom reported that he has made copies of the following subdivision plans. Three copies of the sheets showing lot layouts were made. No copies were made of sheets showing elevation contours or other features.

- a) Hawtree
- b) Fletcher Hill
- c) Caldwell Smith Balcome Estates
- d) Throne Hill
- e) Lawrence Park

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11) A motion to adjourn was made by Ed McNierney and seconded by David Riggert. The vote to adjourn was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.