

**Groton Trails Committee
Minutes of Special Meeting
October 25, 1999**

Location: Groton-Dunstable Middle School Cafeteria

Members of Groton Trails Committee in Attendance:

Robert Catlin, Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Paul Funch, Wendy Good, Edward McNierney, Brad Paul, Stephen Prendergast, David Riggert

Members of Groton Trail Committee Absent:

Douglas Furciniti, Stephen Legge

Members of Greenway Committee in Attendance:

Bob Collins, Neal Menschel, Brad Paul, Marian Stoddart, David Riggert, Nancy Turkle,

Guests:

None

- 1) This special joint meeting of the Groton Trails Committee and the Greenway Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) Brad Paul started by presenting the following information about Article 16 on the warrant of the October 1999 Town Meeting:
 - a) A 2/3 majority will be required to approve Article 16 and it seemed like there is a reasonable risk that the article could be defeated.
 - b) Mr. Freidrich may claim that the property in question is his "Adverse Possession"
 - c) There is the potential to negotiate with Mr. Freidrich's lawyer.
- 3) Bob Collins noted his concern about the perception that Article 16 is "forcing" the property dispute issue.
- 4) Ed McNierney stated that the issue should be positioned as a "finding of facts". Ed said that there are two issues:
 - a) Deeds from 1994 describe the north east side of Jenkins Road and the land has been approved.
 - b) The essential issue is "What is the status of Jenkins Road?"
- 5) Stephen Prendergast made a motion to recommend that Article 16 be postponed and an executive session be arranged with the Selectmen to negotiate with the landowner. Bob Catlin seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Groton Trails Committee members.

- 6) Bruce Easom made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Prendergast seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Groton Trails Committee members. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce H. Easom
Secretary

Date

These minutes were approved unanimously on 16 November 1999.