

Groton Trails Committee
Minutes of Meeting
February 15, 2000

Location: Downstairs, Legion Hall

Members of Groton Trails Committee in Attendance:

Robert Catlin, Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Wendy Good, Edward McNierney, Brad Paul

Members of Groton Trails Committee Absent:

Paul Funch, Stephen Legge, Stephen Prendergast, David Riggert

Selectmen:

Virginia Wood

Guests:

None

1) The first topic discussed was trail access along Jenkins Road. To resolve the issue will probably require both a survey of the land and some historical and legal research on the status and location of Jenkins Road. Virginia Wood was asked if it would be possible to have Town Counsel look into the legal status of Jenkins Road. Ms. Wood said that the town had already spent their budget for Town Counsel and therefore would not recommend that we involve Town Counsel.

- a) Ed McNierney suggested that an article be placed on warrant for the upcoming town meeting to apply for funds to perform the research and survey. The committee agreed with this approach. Ed McNierney made the following motion:

Ed McNierney moved that the Committee place an article on the Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant to raise funds for legal and surveying expenses to document the boundary between Parcel I-37 and Parcels I-37A and I-37B.

Bob Catlin seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

- b) Brad Paul agreed to try to do the following by the end of the week of 20 February.
- i) Contact Bill Boston to get a cost estimate for the survey and research work
 - ii) Create a draft of the warrant article
 - iii) Pass the draft of the article by Bob Collins and the Selectman for their input
 - iv) E-mail the draft to the Trails Committee members for their comment

- 2) Wendy Good showed the Committee samples of plastic medallions to be used as trail markers. The Committee liked the 3 ½” diameter version with green ink on white plastic. The medallions cost about \$1.50 each plus a one-time \$45.00 setup charge. The Committee recommended that Wendy get 250 of the markers and a pound of aluminum nails for mounting them.
- 3) The monthly projects were discussed starting with Hawtree.
 - a) Bruce Easom reported that the project to install trailhead markers at the Hawtree subdivision was just waiting for weather. The trailhead markers are in-hand. DigSafe has been called. The Conservation Commission approval has been obtained and the abutters have been notified of our intention to install the posts.
 - b) The February project is to do trail clearing at the Northwoods subdivision. The committee agreed to meet at Northwoods on noon on Saturday 19 February 2000. Bruce Easom agreed to email the committee to remind them of the date and time.
 - c) The March project will be to map Mayfield Farms and New England Forestry Foundation’s Wharton Plantation. Ed McNierney said he is ready to map Mayfield Farm and Bruce Easom agreed to contact Sue Yeager at NEFF to coordinate mapping Wharton Plantation.
- 4) The draft of the meeting minutes of the 18 January 2000 meeting was reviewed. Bruce Easom noted two corrections he made in drafting the minutes. Wendy Good moved to approve the amended minutes. Bob Catlin seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the amended minutes except Bruce Clements who abstained. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by majority vote.
- 5) Ed McNierney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Catlin seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Bruce H. Easom | Date |
| Secretary | |

These minutes were approved my majority vote on 21 March 2000. All voted to approve except Stephen Prendergast who abstained because he was not at the 15 February meeting.