

Groton Trails Committee
Minutes of Meeting - DRAFT
July 18, 2000

Location: Downstairs, Legion Hall

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Members of Groton Trails Committee in Attendance:

Robert Catlin, Bruce Clements, Paul Funch, Wendy Good,

Members of Groton Trails Committee Absent:

Bruce Easom, Stephen Legge, Edward McNierney, Brad Paul, Stephen Prendergast, David Riggert

Guests: Matt Walsh, Landmark reporter

The meeting called to order without a quorum at 7:40pm

1. Guidelines for trails were discussed at the request of Planning Board, Michelle Collette. We decided to post the list we drafted so members who are absent could comment and add suggestions. These are guidelines for do not want onerous rules. It is expected that Bob Catlin will meet with planning board in three weeks to discuss these guidelines. The list is as follows:
 - a) connecting trails be maintained thru the subdivision and have an engineer check that the trail is functional as drafted when moved.
 - b) reasonable footing
 - c) useful grade 15+- 5
 - d) dry, not marshy or wet
 - e) vegetative screens desirable
 - f) width of 15 feet+-5 feet
 - g) permanent bounds be designated in areas of trail where abutting land not conservation land
 - h) trail clearly delineated from bordering lawns
 - i) 4 x 4 posts at trailheads and open fields. In fields posts as frequent as necessary for trail sighting.
2. The issue of getting the selectmen to budget for legal, surveying, posts and signage was discussed.
3. Paul Funch reported he has permission to mark a three mile trail loop in the Town Forest. There are a few changes from our map because the trails have been rerouted in a few spots to prevent erosion.
4. Projects
 - a) August: Ed McNierney was to help map Skyfields area to reroute trail away from Dann Emersons house. No report
 - b) McCleans Woods: Paul Funch is going to meet with Conservation Commission about installing posts at trail head and marking trail. Also check with GCT to mark Fitches woods trail.

- c) Partridgeberry bridge: Dave was not there to report on status of land ownership.
- d) Hawtree: four of six posts have been installed, the trail marked and cleared.
- e) Sorhaug: Permission to mark and clear loop trail from CC. No new trails till wildlife study completed.
- f) Skyfield II: maybe more posts and erosion issues
- 5. Al Frederich has blocked the Old County road near Nashua River . Town meeting voted money to survey and get boundaries established. Jean Kitchen has asked Brad Paul to be the point person. Brad will be following up with Ross & Ass. this week to get the survey done.
- 6. Rumors about there still being serious development threat to the Throne land were discussed.
- 7. The trails auxiliary list still needs to be done. We discussed publicity for trails such as the newspaper articles, contacting boy scouts etc.
- 8. Adjourned 9:05

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