

Groton Trails Committee
Minutes of Meeting - DRAFT
August 15, 2000

Members of Groton Trails Committee in Attendance:

Brad Paul, Wendy Good, Bruce Clements, Ed McNierney

Members of Groton Trails Committee Absent:

Robert Catlin, Paul Funch, Bruce Easom, Stephen Legge, Stephen Prendergast, David Riggert

Guests:

None

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The meeting was called to order without a quorum at 7:45pm

The need for all members to get sworn in to vote was noted.

Trail Signs: Wendy noted that she only has 100 plus trail signs left and suggested maybe we should order more signs. She had price quotes on 500 for \$210. ; 1,000 for \$310. and 2,500 for \$525. She also wondered if we should change the sign so the arrow was white. Consensus was that the signs are fine and to leave them as they are. However people discussed the need for guidelines for use of these signs. It was felt we should not put them up every 200 feet but only at trail branches so people can find their way. The signs should be used sparingly so as not to distract from the nature experience. With that it was felt we should be ok and should inventory who has how many markers.

Jenkins Road: Brad Paul reported that David E. Ross and Assoc have a \$2,500. contract with the town. They project two weeks to complete the research phase i.e. records, deeds and maps. Ed will send his data to Ross Assoc. with info on the 1829 map showing the road to the bridge. This research phase will determine if a survey is needed.

Fitches Bridge Grant: Brad reported no word has been received from Mass. Historical. Chris Bridges has other grant applications and has also not heard so it is felt no decision has been made yet.

Land Inventory for Municipal Use: The Planning Board is holding a public forum Sept 20th to notify landowners who have 10 areas or larger of their town land inventory. It was felt the trails committee should participate by identifying the areas that need linkage or would benefit from adding abutting land for trails. It was decided that we could do this at our next meeting with Ed's latest town conservation map. We discussed a few areas that could benefit by connecting such as land along the rail trail, especially from there to the Bates land. Connecting Sorhaug to Kaileys Way trail, McClains Woods and Watson Way trails etc.

NRWA Request for Trail Grant ideas: Brad will help put together a grant for the Partidgeberry bridge.

Projects: Ed reported the Skyfields area trail mapping was on hold till town map done.

Skyfield II Brad volunteered to determine how many additional posts need to be installed. The trail width is forty feet yet the present posts are only approximately 25 feet apart. This could be a Sept project.

Hawtree still needs two posts installed.

Sorhaug needs to be cleared and marked.

McClains Woods no report.

Next meeting is Sept 19th, 7:30pm at Legion Hall

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