

Groton Trails Committee

Minutes of Meeting - DRAFT

September 19, 2000

Members of Groton Trails Committee in Attendance:

Bruce Easom, Bruce Clements, Brad Paul, Paul Funch, David Riggert, Steve Prendergast, Wendy Good, Robert Catlin

Members of Groton Trails Committee Absent:

Stephen Legge, David Riggert

Guests:

Ray Lyons, Peter Morrisson, Greg Almond, and Scott Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

The minutes for June 20th were unanimously approved.

The notes of the July and August meetings were approved with three abstentions (Easom, Pendergast, Riggert).

Trail Race Oct 22: Paul Funch reported he has all the approvals (viz., Town Forest Committee, insurance, and Senior Center). Two new local sponsors are Moison's Ace Hardware and The Natural Market. Paul asked for volunteers to help. Approximately 225 people attended last year, and the same number or more are expected this year. The weekend before there will be a trail trimming.

Trail Mapping List: Paul Funch asked for priority recommendations for trail mapping. 1. Hawtree subdivision: It still needs two posts and 100 feet of trail clearing. A work party was scheduled for Oct 1 at 1pm. 2. Town Forest: The map needs two new trails to be added and the old eroded ones removed. Revisions then need to be printed and copied for sale at the Town Hall. 3. McClain's/Fitch's Woods: The trail along the abutter's (John Carver's) property needs to be mapped before the trails are marked. 4. Integrity Way: Both Bill Boston and the Conservation Commission are interested in mapping linking trails 5. Area between Painted Post Road and Duck Pond: Interest in this area was expressed by Grotonfest attendees. 6. Skyfields. No prioritization was decided except for the Hawtree work party. Also mentioned as projects were Meadowview, Partridgeberry, and Dr. Gleason's lots (bought by McDonald of Pepperell).

Proposed Wetland Bylaw: Peter Morrison, Greg Almond and Scott Wilson explained the need to update a 20-year-old bylaw to protect the town's water supply. We suggested they change pedestrian to non-motorized so it would be clear that equestrians are covered. Steve Prendergast proposed we support this bylaw at town meeting in the interest of conservation. It passed unanimously.

Partridgeberry bridge: Eagle Scout candidate Kevin Driscoll presented a proposal to build a bridge over a wet area in Partridgeberry Woods along the Nashua River. He proposed a 3 telephone support bridge with pressure treated 2 x 6 or 2 x 10 planking. The Committee requested that he make the bridge at least 6 feet wide with a safety railing and that the bridge be capable of supporting a horse and carriage. The Committee also asked that the approval of Mr. Taisey, the land owner, be obtained and the Conservation Commission be contacted to request determination of whether approval is required. Bob Catlin moved that we endorse the project. It was seconded by Paul Funch and passed unanimously. The Committee asked to be kept informed of developments on the project.

Easements: Bob Catlin said this would be a good winter project.

Jenkins Road: The report is expected in 2-3 weeks. Adjourned 9:55pm