

# **Groton Trails Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **July 17, 2001**

**Location:** Legion Hall1, 7:30 pm

**Members Present:** Paul Funch, Bruce Easom, Don Torgersen, Bruce Clements, Ed McNierney

**Visitor:** Ernie Cate

**High School:** Paul Funch circulated a draft document for the Trails Committee to consider sending to the Planning Board concerning the GDRSD project on the Casella property. Ed McNierney moved that Paul's letter be approved for transmission to the Planning Board. Bruce Easom seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ed McNierney will send Paul Funch a document template for use as the "Trails Committee" letterhead. The Committee will use the Town's new website ([www.ci.groton.ma.us](http://www.ci.groton.ma.us)) to keep an eye on new development activities and hearings before various boards.

**Jenkins Rd.:** Brad Paul reported that senior workers were working in the Town Clerk's office to research Town Meeting records concerning Jenkins Road. The Friedrichs have given permission for Ross Associates to do their survey, and Town Counsel is working on that matter.

**Trail Grants:** The DEM "2001-2002 Recreational Trails Grants Program" was discussed. We are all encouraged to start planning on projects that might be suitable for a program like this. This year's deadline is July 27; we should start planning now for next year's opportunities. There was interest in several ideas, especially in a comprehensive bridge-building effort throughout the Town.

**Grotonfest:** Grotonfest is coming up in September, with the Agricultural Parade on the same day. Bruce Easom asked whether we could use this as an educational opportunity for the Trails Committee. Paul Funch also raised the issue of sidewalk awareness at this event. Ed McNierney suggested we distribute updated trail maps for the Town Forest, Unkety Brook area, the Groton Place, and Fitch-Woods/McLain's Woods areas.

**Town Forest Trail Races:** The Town Forest Trail Runs are on Sunday, October 28. Paul Funch distributed information, and pointed interested parties to [www.GrotonTFTR.freesevers.com](http://www.GrotonTFTR.freesevers.com) for information. Paul will try to coordinate trail marking in advance of the event to help with navigation. Sponsors are being enrolled right now.

**Minutes:** Bruce Easom moved that the minutes of the June 19 meeting be approved as written. Paul Funch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Bruce Clements commented on his recent visit to the Bertozzi areas (state and Conservation Commission). It's an area well worth visiting. Bruce Easom will start investigating how to contact the Fish and Wildlife management team responsible for it.

**Longley II:** Paul Funch pointed out the need to mark the trail access at the end of Drumlin Hill Road, getting out to the rail trail. There is also access from the middle of the road that might prove a better access point. Bruce Easom will contact the Conservation Commission to get on their agenda to discuss it.

Clements moved to adjourn the meeting. Funch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.