

# Groton Trails Committee



Meeting Minutes for 21 August 2001 – Draft

Location: Downstairs Legion Hall

Members in attendance: Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Wendy Good and Don Torgersen

Members absent: Paul Funch, Stephen Legge, Edward McNierney, Brad Paul and Stephen Prendergast

Guests: Hélène Cahen

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There was no quorum but discussion began at 7:35pm

**July Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes of the July meeting were discussed first. A few corrections were suggested but the approval of the meeting minutes were postponed until the September meeting.

**Marsh Property Site Walk:** Bruce Easom reminded the committee that the Planning Board's site walk of the Marsh Property off Gratuity Road was scheduled for 6:00 PM on Thursday 13 September 2001. Bruce Easom agreed to get copies of the subdivision plan before the site walk.

**Trails Committee Logo:** Hélène Cahen suggested developing a logo for the Trails Committee. It was decided that the Groton Trails Network medallion design would make a good logo. Wendy Good agreed to contact the medallion company to get a copy of the graphics file used to make the medallions.

**Grotonfest:** Bruce Easom brought the Grotonfest form to the meeting. The committee filled out the form requesting a table. Bruce Easom agreed to mail the form to Terry McPartlan to reserve a table so we could sell trail maps and inform the public about the trails system in the Town of Groton

**Groton Agriculture Parade:** The Groton Agricultural Parade is currently scheduled for the same morning as Grotonfest and is being coordinated again this year by Hélène Cahen. The Trails Committee expressed its support for agriculture in Groton and would consider carrying a sign in the parade to show its support. Hélène agreed to make a sign and bring it to the September meeting for approval by the Trails Committee.

**Trails at Drumlin Hill Road:** In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, the town-owned land near Drumlin Hill Road needs to be marked by DigSafe before the trailhead markers can be installed. Wendy Good and Bruce Clements agreed to contact

DigSafe. The Committee suggested giving the DigSafe coordinator the phone number of a contact person to call 30 minutes before their survey so a member of the Committee could be there to help orientate the utility people.

**Rail Trail:** Wendy brought the Committee up to date on developments with the Rail Trail. Wendy pointed out that there will be no buffer zone between the pedestrian trail and the equestrian trail and that the equestrian trail will now end at Broadmeadow Street. Wendy also noted that the railroad bridge over Route 119 is 17 feet wide and the pavement will go down the center of the bridge making it difficult for both horses and pedestrians to cross the bridge at the same time. Wendy pointed out that having horses able to get from Broadmeadow Street to Keyes Woods would be an important link in the overall trails network and we should try to make sure this access is not restricted.

**Rocky Hill Area:** Bruce Clements informed the Committee that the Concept Plan for the Rocky Hill Area will be presented at the Special Town Meeting in September. The plan is scheduled to be discussed at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday 23 August 2001. Bruce invited members of the Committee to attend to add their input.

**Adjourn:** Bruce Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Good seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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