

Groton Trails Committee



Meeting Minutes for 18 December 2001 – Draft

Location: Downstairs Legion Hall

Members in attendance: Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Wendy Good, Brad Paul, Stephen Prendergast and Don Torgersen

Members absent: Paul Funch, Stephen Legge and Edward McNierney

Guests: Stephanie Janis

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The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

November 2001 Meeting Minutes: Brad Paul moved to approve the corrected November 2001 meeting minutes. Bruce Clements seconded the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote. All voted in favor of the motion except for Steven Prendergast who abstained.

Reports on Recent Projects: Wendy Good reported that two trail marking posts had been installed at the site on Integrity Way. Paul Funch reported on his discussions with abutters on Drumlin Hill Road. Paul reported that he had also cleared the trail at Hawtree and moved it further up the hill to avoid the wet sections and that he had done some clearing at Fitch's woods and McLain's Woods.

High School Site: Steve Prendergast reported that the trail on the new high school property will not be shown on the plan. Bruce Easom volunteered to write a letter to Mr. Craig Young, the Business Manager of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District, to remind him of their commitment to the trail even though it will not appear on the plans.

Subdivision Drawings Bruce Clements reported on his attempts to get drawings for Integrity Way and Groton Woods. Bruce said he would try to get an electronic copy of the Groton Woods subdivision from Bob Lacombe, the developer.

Jenkins Road: Brad Paul will write a letter to the Selectmen asking Town Council to research the Town's case for prescriptive rights.

Rail Trail: Brad Paul reported that Jean Kitchen suggested that the Trails Committee write a proposal to receive a grant to put mile markers along the new rail trail. It was decided that this would be a good item for Ed McNierney to handle for us.

Gratuity Way: Brad Paul suggested that it would be desirable to get the trail markers and bridge in at Gratuity Way before construction begins on the Marsh property. Brad

suggested looking into an AmeriCorps grant for building the bridge over Gratuity Brook. As part of that grant application we would need a letter from the landowner expressing his approval of the project.

Rockwood Lane Subdivision: Wendy Good reported that the Groton Land Foundation is proposing a subdivision for Rockwood Lane. Wendy reported that there is probably going to be a hearing with the Selectman soon and that someone from the Trails Committee should plan to attend.

Stephanie Janis: Stephanie described the Committee her recent experience in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals to get a license to operate her new stables at 270 Chicopee Row.

Adjourn: Stephen Prendergast made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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