

Groton Trails Committee



Meeting Minutes for 28 May 2002

Location: 2nd Floor Lunch Room in Town Hall

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

Members absent: Bruce Clements, Paul Funch, Edward McNierney, and Stephen Prendergast

Guests: Hélène Cahen

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

April Meeting Minutes: The vote on the meeting minutes was postponed as none of the members had a chance to look at the draft of the meeting minutes for April.

Officers for June 2002 – May 2003: Brad Paul moved to nominate Paul Funch as the next chairman, Ed McNierney as the next Secretary and Wendy Good as the next Vice Chairman. Don Torgersen seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. Voting for the nominated candidates followed. Each was elected by unanimous vote.

Bridge over Gratuity Brook: Brad Paul reported that it is not recommended to use Douglass Fir for the bridge beams. He recommended that we revisit using telephone poles or steel beams. Brad agreed to check on the price of using oak. Bruce Easom agreed to check with Town Hall to see if the easement over Gratuity Brook was in place and if not, find out when it is expected to be completed. Bruce Easom also agreed to talk with Mr. Ray Ciemny who is a neighbor on Gratuity road about the bridge. Bruce also agreed to get a Request for Determination form from the Conservation Commission.

Skyfields: Wendy Good reported that the Conservation Commission wanted two additional sets of posts along the trail between Julie Marin and Gary Rutherford's houses. The Conservation Commission wanted the sets of posts to be 110 feet apart and the two posts in each set to be 30 feet apart to mark the width of the trail. Wendy reported that Julie Marin wanted to use 4"x4" posts rather than the standard 5"x5" posts that the Trails Committee uses. The 4"x4" posts are in keeping with the other markings installed by the developer.

Kaileys Way: Bruce Easom, Wendy Good and Paul Funch reported on their meeting with the Conservation Commission. The issue of motorized vehicles on the town owned parcel at Kaileys Way and at Painted Post Road. After reading the deeds to the two

properties indicating that they were to be used for passive recreation, the Conservation Commission voted to restrict motorized vehicles from both parcels. The Conservation Commission also gave the Trails Committee permission to remove the survey tape placed on the Painted Post Road parcel by the ATV riders.

Trail Signs: Wendy brought up the need to use trail markers of a different color to distinguish side trails from main trails. After reviewing some options the Trails Committee recommended that Wendy order 1000 new trail markers. 500 are to be our original green-on-white design and 500 to be the new side trail indicator which is green-on-yellow plastic. Bruce Easom agreed to find out about obtaining stainless steel staples to avoid the rust stains that appear on the trail markers that come from using steel staples.

Adjourn: Brad Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Torgersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

These meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote on 18 June 2002.

Ed McNierney
Secretary
Groton Trails Committee