



# TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

**\*\* Monthly Meeting Minutes \*\* DRAFT**  
**15 March 2005**  
**Town Hall**

**Attendees:**

Joachim Preiss  
Paul Funch  
Stephen Legge  
Bruce Easom  
~~Wendy Good~~  
Ed McNierney  
Mike Andersen  
Vic Burton  
~~Brad Paul~~

**Visitors:**

Helene Cahen

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1. Funch reviewed his proposed corrections to the draft minutes of the February meeting, previously distributed via email. Burton moved to accept the minutes as amended; Legge seconded the motion. The motion carried with Easom and McNierney abstaining.
2. Funch reported on Fitch's Bridge activities. Richard Chilcoat has made contact with the original manufacturer of the bridge, and they may be interested in supporting the restoration of the bridge in some way. Richard Chilcoat will be pursuing this conversation with the manufacturer.
3. Legge and Funch reported their successful work with the Board of Selectmen to get permission for the completion of the Wallace Road Connector trail. McNierney will check on the current ownership map of properties in the area.
4. McNierney reported that all his Jenkins Road research has been transmitted to Town Counsel and he will be contacted by Maria Casey when Town Counsel is ready for a meeting.
5. Project Plans:
  - a) Longley II - Funch and McNierney will meet with the Conservation Commission to review the research they have done for the trail corridor at the end of Saddle Lane.
  - b) Still Meadow - McNierney and Burton will pursue flagging and marking the trail along the meadow as soon as the weather permits.
  - c) Deerhaven - Check with Dumont family about fence installation along their lot line; continue trail marking to Burntmeadow Road - Funch and Easom.
  - d) High School - markers need to be installed for public trails, with some consideration for "overmarking"; a new parallel trail near the entrance (where there is currently two-way traffic) would be helpful - Funch.
  - e) Rail Trail sign at Cronin Conservation Commission property; Bruce Clements has offered to renovate if it is salvageable from the marsh it has been thrown into. New posts need to be installed at the trail entrance off the Rail Trail to the Drumlin Hill trails. Andersen.
  - f) Partridgeberry Woods - Easom has collected GPS data for the trail corridor; that land is owned by the homeowners' association. McNierney will work with Easom on trail marking on the eastern edge of the property, in conjunction with the GCT's conservation restriction on the abutting Stone property.
  - g) Crosswinds - Bertozzi - needs continued marking, especially in conjunction with the Division? of

- Fisheries? and Wildlife ??? (DFWELE). Legge.
- h) Throne signage and trail marking - Burton and McNierney will pursue the installation of a facility for holding trail maps at the "Loop Trail" junction, and any other trail marking/signage work they may recommend on the Throne.
  - i) 350th "Special Activities" - Legge may be interested in doing something.
  - j) Gibbet Hill / Angus Hill - Easom, Preiss, and McNierney will review and coordinate this collection of activities.
  - k) Wiewel / Nate Nutting Connector Trail - Bob Lotz is helping with this trail review and relocation; McNierney will work with him.
  - l) Longley I (Paquawket Path / Rail Trail) Signage - Good
  - m) Reedy Meadow Subdivision - new trail design - Good
  - n) Wallace Road to Johnston trail connection - Legge
  - o) o. MBTA land purchase - Legge - trail cleanup/completion between West Main Street and Fitch's Bridge where corridor is still owned by MBTA (north of Hill Road)
  - p) p. Integrity Way trails - clarification and potential improvements or connections across the private lands behind (east of) this property - Legge (Funch will contact Alan Taylor to see if he's interested in helping)
  - r) Orion Way / Batten Woods / Carmichael Swamp - Burton will follow up on the trail corridor to be installed; there may be other potential connections in the area.
  - s) Meadowview Neighborhood Trails - needs resolution and installation of trail markers - Good
  - t) GCT and Conservation Commission are working on property documentation; we should coordinate data collection efforts with other organizations; Easom and Preiss, after talking to Kris Corwin
  - u) Groton Woods to Acorn Path connection - Evan Owen was going to investigate this connection - Easom
  - v) Power line trails north of Martins Pond Road - Andersen and Preiss will investigate what might need to be done
  - w) Wharton Plantation - Burton will continue his work; with assistance from Peter Morrison
  - x) Painted Post loop trail - is there a possibility to create one here? Burton
  - y) Haystack Observatory - marking connecting trails from Cow Pond Brook Road - Andersen
  - z) Pacer Way to Rail Trail corridor marking - McNierney
  - aa) Sargisson Beach trail - no takers
  - bb) Rich Tree Forest trails - Funch will continue
  - cc) Whispering Brook / Mason Back 100 - McNierney

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Easom moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM; Burton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.