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Groton Trails Committee

** Monthly Meeting Minutes ** DRAFT 19 July 2005 Town Hall

Attendees:

Joachim Preiss
Paul Funch
Stephen Legge
Bruce Eason
Wendy Good
Ed McNierney
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Visitors:

Tom Callahan

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McNierney will circulate the draft minutes of the non-official June 21 meeting.

Funch opened nominations for officers for the Trails Committee for the 2005-2006 year. Good suggested Funch continue to serve as Chairman, but Funch declined as he believes that turnover after three years is a good idea. McNierney nominated Legge, who also declined due to his inability to give the position the time and energy it requires. Funch nominated Preiss, as he does bring energy and commitment to the committee, reminding the committee that Preiss' nomination was raised at the June meeting (which did not have a quorum). McNierney seconded the nomination. Preiss accepted the nomination, while noting that he had previously suggested he first serve as Vice Chairman.

McNierney nominated Funch as Vice Chairman; Good seconded the motion. Good nominated McNierney as Secretary; Legge seconded the motion. Legge moved to elect the offices as nominated; Good seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, electing Preiss as Chairman, Funch as Vice Chairman, and McNierney as Secretary.

Funch noted that we have at least three members who have not yet applied for reappointment, with at least one who is not asking to serve again. We should be looking for new members to suggest to the Selectmen for appointment. Suggestions are welcome, as we need to have a full Committee for meetings. Legge suggested Steve Hansen, who lives on Wallace Road. Chris Christie was also mentioned as a possible candidate. Tom Callahan expressed interest and is attending the meeting to learn more about the Committee. Mike McElroy is another possibility. Legge asked that we prioritize our potential candidates and make specific action plans to invite new people. All members should circulate ideas by email and invite people to apply to the Selectmen for appointment.

Septemberfest is September 17, and this year non-profits are being charged \$25 for a table plus 10% of any receipts from sales.

Funch announced that the Trail Race planning is underway for Sunday, October 23, with online registration live and working. Fruit drink sponsorship is a missing link and suggestions would be welcome.

The Williams Barn trail work trip went very well, and this weekend's project is at Northwoods.

McNierney reported on his missed meeting with Steve Webber on the Gibbet Hill trail completion, and his reconnaissance of the area. McNierney will reschedule the meeting and get the "punch list" completed. McNierney will notify everyone of the meeting time and will follow up with a second walk for other interested members.

Legge reported that the Wallace Road trail corridor grew up very heavily and quickly, and Steve Hansen's neighbor mowed and cleared it up very nicely.

Funch reported that Connie Lapres commented on the trails on the Throne at Rockwood Lane are getting overgrown.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

