At 7:30 pm Vice-Chair Preiss called the meeting to order with the above quorum of Committee members.

Topics

Good moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting, taken by Steve Legge. Bretschneider seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Good reported on Funch's Longley I email, reporting that signage can be installed on the trail easement if the signs are not too large or intrusive. Good recommends a post and marker at the roadside and one more at the Rail Trail. Good which check on how we need to apply for permission to install these posts.

Easom reviewed the history of the MBTA/Gilford Rail corridor transaction in West Groton, from Hill Road to the Wallace Road area. The Town is currently litigating the dispute.

McNierney reported that there are three trail marker posts lying about up on Gibbet Hill, waiting to be installed when the ground thaws.

Preiss reviewed his photographs of the trail corridor running from the junction of Orchard Land and Martins Pond Road to Shattuck Street and over Gibbet Hill.

Legge's annual report of the Trails Committee's activities was reviewed.

McNierney left the meeting to attend a Board of Health meeting.

Good moved to accept Legge's draft of the annual report; Legge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Preiss distributed a draft snowshoe race entry form for the Williams Barn event. Approximately 6 volunteers will be needed - signups will be taken at the February meeting.

Good contacted Ed Torcolleti about the bridge in the J. Harry Rich Tree Farm State Forest, and received a generally favorable response from him.

Preiss encouraged members to draft articles about trails in town to be put in local newspapers. Good suggested an article about the snowshoe race. Legge suggested an article about Funch and the plaque
given to him by the committee. Preiss volunteered to send via email photographs to accompany the article.

Preiss will contact the town Web Committee about Trails Committee information and input. We need to keep our eyes open for tools to educate the public, and the town Web site is a good vehicle for that education.

Easom moved to adjourn. Preiss seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.