



TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes 21 April 2009

Attendees:				Visitors:
Chairman	Joachim Preiss	Member	Wendy Good	
Vice chair	Paul Funch	Member	John Lynch	
Member	Steve Legge 8.30pm	Member	David Minott	
Member	Alan Taylor	Member	Bruce Easom	
Member	Ed Bretschneider			

Topics

Meeting opened at 7.35pm with 7 committee members present.

(1) Open Meeting Minutes

February '09; Motion to approve as amended: Funch, seconded: Bretschneider; YEA: Taylor, Preiss, Minott, Funch, Bretschneider; abstained: Easom;

Owner
Preiss
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(2) Online presence

- a. Added content for the web site; no new suggestions

Lynch

(3) Projects

- a. Ice storm cleanup operation;
Preiss reported on Gamlin Crystal Springs cleanup;
Hurd property cleaned up by Funch and Preiss;
Good reported on an oak down on Northwoods;
- b. Throne: make a priority for 2009:
mark trails, GPS, map, Stagecoach Road, parcel ownership, Funch to bike and GPS Saturday 1pm, Easom to make an appointment with ConsCom;
- c. Surrenden Farms: 2 wet trail sections and 1 brook crossing in Zone 3;
Preiss to talk to ConsCom at next meeting re: waterbars and boardwalk;
- d. Sampas' Land;
no update;
- e. Gibbet Hill trails, wetland and trail reroute;
Preiss unable to reach Steve Webber re: Rt.40 trail reroute;
Preiss to make an appointment with ConsCom re: culvert below the cell tower;
- f. Good reported that Harry Rich Forest is in rough shape after logging
Good to call Ed Torcoletti (DCR) for permission to clean up the trails;
- g. Jenkins Road;
Funch moved, Good seconded for Easom to sign a Selectmen's letter on behalf of the Trails Committee a letter to start a dialog with the town Selectmen's letter; Lynch abstaining as an abutter; Easom, Minott, Legge, Taylor, Good, Funch, Preiss in favor;
- h. Shirley and Peterborough Railroad rail trail CPA;
Was added to transportation improvement list;
Easom been attending MRPC meetings;
- i. Fitch's Bridge;
Easom to contact Manugian to get the 20% study completed;

Funch / Preiss
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j.	Boston & Maine Rail trail West Groton; Hill Road almost to Fitch's Bridge; Going to Land Court;	Easom
k.	Allens Trail; No update;	Easom
l.	Gleason Connector; No update;	Taylor
m.	Brooks Orchard; No update;	Preiss
n.	Paquawket Path: Land survey has been done and showed there is room for a trail; Easom proposed 2 trail posts and their location (plan attached); Easom to GPS, call DigSafe, request Selectmen and Delany to approve installation of post by the street; Selectmen's office to issue a letter to the abutters based on plan for trail posts and markers, and that states the trail is open to walkers, runners, skiers, equestrians, bikers, etc and other non-motorized trail users;	Easom
o.	Gamlin Crystal Springs and Esker Trail; Reroute still waiting for David Black's inspection; another attempt to meet him there;	Minott
p.	Groton School; Need to find time to flag trail;	Easom / Funch
q.	Acorn Path; Completed;	Easom
r.	Town Forest No update on eroded trail reroutes Ames Meadow: proposal to build a fire road to access landlocked parcel by river;	Preiss
s.	Gray Drive (Pepperell Line); No update;	Good
t.	Scarlet Hill trails; Install second row of fencing; Preiss requesting help from volunteers; Many trails impassable due to invasives or water;	Preiss
u.	Trail etiquette; Committee to review proposal from Minott; vote on at next meeting;	Preiss

(4) Planning of future events

a.	Guided Hikes next trips and dates; 5/31 Rockland Drive; 6/14 Surrenden Farms;	Preiss
b.	From the mapmaker's desk; Preiss reported that he had GPS'ed many parcels, but did not have a chance to develop a template for maps; committee agreed to use satellite imagery instead of topographic maps;	Preiss
c.	GrotonFest; Preiss looking for ideas for the booth;	Preiss

(5) ConCom items

Lynch moved to adjourn at 9.45pm, Easom seconded, YEA: Good, Taylor, Easom, Legge, Preiss;	Preiss
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Respectfully submitted by Joachim Preiss. Preiss