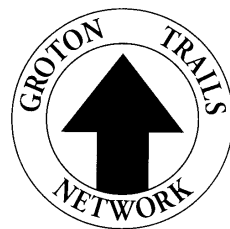




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Groton Trails Committee

## Monthly Meeting Minutes 19 May 2009

| Attendees: |                             |        |              | Visitors:    |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Chairman   | Joachim Preiss              | Member | Wendy Good   | Helene Cahen |
| Vice chair | Paul Funch                  | Member | John Lynch   | Tom Callahan |
| Member     | Steve Legge >8.30pm         | Member | David Minott | Ray Lyons    |
| Member     | Alan Taylor                 | Member | Bruce Easom  |              |
| Member     | <del>Ed Bretschneider</del> |        |              |              |

### Topics

Meeting opened at 7.35pm with the above named committee members present.

#### (1) Open Meeting Minutes

February '09; Motion to approve as amended: Funch, seconded: Minott; YEA: Taylor, Preiss, Minott, Funch, Good, Lynch; abstained: Easom; NAY: none;

#### (2) Online presence

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

#### (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. 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;
- e. 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;
- f. Jenkins Road;  
Funch moved, Good seconded for Easom to sign a Selectmen's letter on behalf of the Trails Committee; YEA: Easom, Minott, Legge, Taylor, Good, Funch, Preiss; abstain: Lynch; NAY: none.
- g. Shirley and Peterborough Railroad rail trail CPA;  
Was added to transportation improvement list;  
Easom been attending MRPC meetings;
- h. Fitch's Bridge;  
Easom to contact Mr. Manugian to get the 20% study completed;
- i. Boston & Maine Rail trail West Groton;  
Hill Road almost to Fitch's Bridge;  
Going to Land Court;

### Owner

Preiss

Lynch

Funch /  
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| j. | Paquawket Path:<br>Land survey has been done and showed there is room for a trail;<br>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;<br>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, and other non-motorized trail users; | Easom         |
| k. | Gamlin Crystal Springs and Esker Trail;<br>Reroute still waiting for David Black's inspection; another attempt to meet him there;  | Minott        |
| l. | Groton School;<br>Need to find time to flag trail;   | Easom / Funch |
| m. | Acorn Path;<br>Completed;  | Easom         |
| n. | Town Forest<br>Ames Meadow: proposal to build a fire road to access landlocked parcel by river;  | Preiss        |
| o. | Scarlet Hill trails;<br>Install second row of fencing; Preiss requesting help from volunteers;<br>Many trails impassable due to invasives or mud;  | Preiss        |
| p. | Trail etiquette;<br>Committee to review proposal from Minott; vote at next meeting;  | Preiss        |

**(4) Planning of future events**

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| a. | Guided Hikes next trips and dates;<br>5/31 Rockwood Lane;<br>6/14 Surrenden Farms;   | Preiss |
| b. | From the mapmaker's desk;<br>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;<br>Preiss looking for ideas for the booth;   | Preiss |

**(5) ConCom items**

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| At 9.15pm Lynch moved to adjourn, Easom seconded, YEA: Good, Taylor, Easom, Legge, Preiss, Funch, Easom, Lynch; | Preiss |
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Respectfully submitted by Joachim Preiss.