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;
j. 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, and other
   non-motorized trail users;

k. Gamlin Crystal Springs and Esker Trail;
   Reroute still waiting for David Black’s inspection; another attempt to meet him there;

l. Groton School;
   Need to find time to flag trail;

m. Acorn Path;
   Completed;

n. Town Forest
   Ames Meadow: proposal to build a fire road to access landlocked parcel by river;

o. Scarlet Hill trails;
   Install second row of fencing; Preiss requesting help from volunteers;
   Many trails impassable due to invasives or mud;

p. Trail etiquette;
   Committee to review proposal from Minott; vote at next meeting;

(4) Planning of future events
a. Guided Hikes next trips and dates;
   5/31 Rockwood Lane;
   6/14 Surrenden Farms;

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;

c. GrotonFest;
   Preiss looking for ideas for the booth;

(5) ConCom items

At 9.15pm Lynch moved to adjourn, Easom seconded, YEA: Good, Taylor, Easom, Legge,
Preiss, Funch, Easom, Lynch;

Respectfully submitted by Joachim Preiss.