



TOWN OF GROTON

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Trails Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes 21 July 2009

Attendees:				Visitors:
Chairman	Joachim Preiss	Member	Wendy Good	Helene Cahen
Vice chair	Paul Funch	Member	John Lynch	Tom Callahan
Member	Steve Legge	Member	David Minott	
Member	Alan Taylor	Member	Bruce Easom	
Member	Ed Bretschneider	/	/	

Meeting opened at 7.40 pm with the above named committee members and visitors present.

Topics

(1) Correspondence

- \$250 Donation received from the SQRR
Easom moved for Preiss to send a thank you letter, Funch seconded; YEA: Funch, Taylor, Good, Minott, Easom, Preiss, Lynch; abstain: none, NAY: none
- May '09 minutes Funch moved to approve as written, Easom seconded; YEA: Funch, Taylor, Good, Minott, Easom, Preiss, Lynch; abstain: none, NAY: none
- June '09 minutes Good moved to approve as written, Taylor seconded; YEA: Taylor, Good, Preiss, Lynch; abstain: Minott, Easom, Funch, NAY: none

Owner

Preiss

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Minott

Good

Preiss

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Easom

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Preiss

Minott

Funch

(2) Projects

- Marking of Throne Trails;
GPS rest of the trails; Funch to set a date – preliminary 8/9 marking event;
Good has permission to mark trails on GTC land; ask for permission to mark the loop trail from Dan Chamberlin
Discuss land property ownership with Steve Legge who is doing the research;
Beaver Pond flooding of NEFF trail;
- General Field;
Good to discuss connector trail to Shirley Road with Ed McNierney;
- Surrenden Farms: 2 wet trail sections and 1 brook crossing in Zone 3;
Preiss to write 2 RDAs;
- Gibbet Hill trails, wetland and trail reroute;
Preiss to propose a culvert at the saddle;
- Jenkins Road;
Time expiring; waiting for town council to advise next steps;
- Shirley and Peterborough rail trail CPA;
\$700,000 earmark from Congress woman Tsongas;
- Brooks Orchard;
between ownerships; goal to make trails permanent;
Preiss keeping the trails mowed;
- Gamlin Crystal Springs beaver pond flooding a section of the trail;
Gamlin Esker Trail: Minott to approach David Black;
- Groton School;
Farmer's Row to NEFF trail; Funch to discuss with school officials;

- j. Town Forest;
Funch proposing signs saying "parking lot" pointing out, to discuss with TF committee;
- k. Scarlet Hill trails; install second row of fencing; wet spots;
- l. Wiewel;
Good reported the trail being in rough shape from ice storm and winter;
Easom to contact Dan Emerson re: opening up the trail from his driveway;
- m. Red Line Trail at Island Pond Road;
ConsCom investigating a connection on the northern side into Dunstable and Nashua;

(3) Other

- a. ATV and Motocross abuse;
decided to hold the next meeting together with August GTC meeting
discontinued or abandoned roads – ask Michelle Collette
ask ConsCom to purchase 100 12x6 signs
defer the additional sign imposing a fine for now;
- b. Trail etiquette;
Preiss to make a suggestion on a single document covering all user groups
- c. Paul purchased work gloves for volunteers at a great price from Moison's;
- d. Blog;
Lynch to post trail reports on the grotontrails.org blog;

(4) Planning of future events

- a. Guided Hikes;
8/16 Indian Hill and the Bells; Wiewel (possible?);
8/30 Gamlin Crystal Springs
9/13 Bertozzi
9/27 Surrenden
- b. GrotonFest; 10/3-4;
Preiss looking for ideas for the booth;
- c. Town Forest Trail Races 10/25;

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Meeting closed at 9.40 pm by unanimous vote.
Respectfully submitted by Joachim Preiss.