



TOWN OF GROTON

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Trails Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes 15 September 2009

Attendees:				Visitors:
Chairman	Joachim Preiss	Member	Wendy Good	Helene Cahen
Vice chair	Paul Funch	Member	John Lynch from 8.45pm	Adam Burnett
Member	Steve Legge	Member	David Minott	
Member	Alan Taylor	Member	Bruce Easom	
Member	Ed Bretschneider	/	/	

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm with the above named committee members and visitors present.

Topics

(1) Correspondence

- August '09 minutes: Easom moved to approve as amended, Funch seconded ; YEA:, Good, Preiss, Funch; Easom; abstain: Legge, Taylor, NAY: none
- Preiss read from recent mail

(2) Projects

- Preiss reported on GPSing the Throne;
A third trip is needed to cover the Northeast and South sides; to be schedule asap;
Decided to mark the loop trail in yellow where it is not already white;
- Easom moved for the Trails Committee to support a connector trail from Arlington Street/Rt.119 to Nashua River Railtrail (Southwest Quadrant) as proposed by Adam Burnett, Funch seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote;
Easom moved to draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen as drafted, Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously;
- Legge to investigate Pleasant Street access at Whistlepost Lane to the Rail Trail; research property ownership, send email to Ed Torcoletti notifying him of the intent of removing a large pipe of dirt that hinders access;
- Weiwal;
(1) Good to flag;
(2) Proposal to ConsCom;
(3) Schedule work day;
- Funch: Laurence Academy Community Service Program;
Funch, Legge, Taylor, Easom, Lynch are available for 11/3 to lead 4 groups of pupils;
Proposed parcels: McLain, Gratuity Trail, Northwoods; Wharton Plantation;
- Gamlin Esker Trail: Black does not like trail as proposed as too close to the brook, prefers current location with steps, or the right side;
- Paquawket Path;
Funch moved to authorize Easom to meet with the Town Manager and the Selectmen and discuss the trail right of way. Unanimous vote in favor moved by Funch, seconded by Good.
- Preiss proposed to add the 10 Trails Movies by Heather Hoglund linked to from our web site;

Owner
Preiss
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Owner
Preiss
Easom
Legge
Good/Funch
Funch
Minott
Easom
Lynch

- i. Bridge Street flooded again;

(3) Other

- a. Motorized Trail users special topic;
Preiss requested to identify parcels and trails where to post the new signs, get approval from land owner, post, document before and after if respected;
Cronin Massapoag;

(4) Planning of future events

- b. Guided Hikes;
9/27 Surrenden
10/11 Indian Hill and the Bells; (Weiwel not ready);
- c. GrotonFest; 10/3-4;
Preiss looking for ideas for the booth;
Funch scheduling booth duty;
- d. Town Forest Trail Races 10/25;

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm by unanimous vote.
Respectfully submitted by Joachim Preiss.

Bretschneider
Preiss
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