



TOWN OF GROTON

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Trails Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes 15 June 2010

Attendees:				Visitors:
Chairman	Joachim Preiss	Member	Wendy Good	
Vice chair	Paul Funch	Member	John Lynch until 9pm	
Member	Steve Legge	Member	David Minott	
Member	Alan Taylor	Member	Bruce Easom from 8.30pm	
Member	Ed Bretschneider	/	/	

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

Topics

(1) Correspondence

- a. Recent letters received;
- b. Conflict of Interest: Minott drafted a letter to Selectmen to oppose future requirement for ethics training. His research lead him to conclude that the Selectmen are authorized to issue exemptions. Good moved, Taylor seconded, YEA: Minott, Good, Lynch, Legge, Taylor, Preiss, Funch; Abstain: Bretschneider, NAY: none;
- c. Revised open meeting law: Preiss reminded committee members of the presentation he distributed via email on the OML changes.

(2) Projects

- a. 7.45 pm: Chris Marsh: Eagle Scout Project:
 Mapping of trails, creating maps, install a new GIS trails layer;
 Following parcels:
 1. Johnston and Hayes Woods properties
 2. Bertozzi and Crosswinds
 3. Northwoods/Still Meadow/Wattles Pond area
 4. Duck Pond and Groton Woods Conservation areas, including Batten Woods, Carmichael Swamp, Flavell Crossing, Skinner Forest, Skitapet, Stonebridge, Fletcher Hill, Amanda's Way, and Whitney Pond
- b. Jenkins Road: Easom reported that he requested letters of support from Planning Board, ConsCom, Greenway Committee; all voted in favor of support.
- c. Easom reported on Fuzzillo Property: Easom and Pitkin flagged a trail;
- d. General Field map: Good requested to GPS and map the trails on the General Field;
- e. Gamlin: Christmass tree farm: Minott flagged a proposed trail that connects from Old Dunstable Road to Bridge Street; further reported that the Bridge Street bridge was swept away in recent flooding;
- f. Scarlet Hill:
 Preiss reported on the progress of the second row of fencing to keep the cows from the trail and people from leaving the gates open allowing the cows to escape. Easom commented on the 20-25' corridor that is much wider than the requirement in the CR. He said this was a very generous move by the Scarlets.

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- g. Guided Hikes Schedule:
Preiss reported that no suggestions for guided hikes were received after requests on Facebook and the Email List.
- h. Grotonfest 9/11/2010: Minott moved for the Trails Committee to again have a booth at Groton Fest, Easom seconded, YEA: Good, Legge, Funch, Easom, Minott, Preiss, Taylor, NAY: none; Abstain, none.

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Meeting closed at 9.35 pm by unanimous vote.
Respectfully submitted by Joachim Preiss.