



TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

** Special Meeting Minutes **

28 July 2011

Attendees:

Chairman Joachim Preiss
Vice Chair Paul Funch
Stephen Legge
~~Bruce Eason~~
Wendy Good
Ed Bretschneider
Alan Taylor
David Minott
~~John Lynch~~

Visitors:

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At 7.30 pm Chairman Preiss called the meeting to order with the above quorum of Committee members plus listed visitors present. The special meeting was necessary because there was no quorum at the regular 7/19 meeting.

Topics

(1) Correspondence

- a. Election of officers: Bretschneider moved to elect Paul Funch Chairman, Joachim Preiss Vice chair, and to rotate the secretary and meeting minutes taker from month to month to share the load. Motion seconded by Taylor, YEA: Legge, Funch, Preiss, Bretschneider, Taylor, Good, Minott; NAY: none; abstain: none.
- b. Funch moved to approve the October 2010 meeting minutes as amended; motion seconded by Taylor, YEA: Funch, Preiss, Taylor, Good, Minott; NAY: none; abstain: Bretschneider, Legge.
- c. Funch moved to approve the November 2010 meeting minutes as amended; motion seconded by Bretschneider, YEA: Bretschneider, Funch, Preiss, Good, Minott; NAY: none; abstain: Legge, Taylor.
- d. Funch moved to approve the December 2010 meeting minutes as amended; motion seconded by Taylor, YEA: Funch, Preiss, Taylor, Minott; NAY: none; abstain: Bretschneider, Legge, Good.
- e. Funch moved to approve the March 2011 special meeting minutes as amended; motion seconded by Taylor, YEA: Bretschneider, Funch, Preiss, Taylor, Minott; NAY: none; abstain: Legge, Good.
- f. Funch moved to approve the April 2011 meeting minutes as amended; motion seconded by Minott, YEA: Funch, Preiss, Taylor, Good, Bretschneider, Minott; NAY: none; abstain: Legge.
- g. Funch moved to approve the May 2011 meeting minutes as amended; motion seconded by Good, YEA: Funch, Preiss, Taylor, Good, Minott, Legge; NAY: none; abstain: Bretschneider.
- h. Funch moved to approve the June 2011 meeting minutes as amended; motion seconded by Taylor, YEA: Funch, Taylor, Good, Minott, Bretschneider, Legge; NAY: none; abstain: Preiss

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(2) Projects

- a. Preiss reported from a meeting with land owner Steve Webber on 7/21. Steve was in favor of the following proposals:
- Signing a MOU with the GTC for the Trails Committee to maintain the public trails on his properties; Preiss to propose verbiage;
 - Gibbet Hill trails from the restaurant to the castle: clearing, widening, rerouting, installing a board walk; contingent on ConsCom approval;
 - Installing a culvert near the cell tower; contingent on ConsCom approval;
 - Installing water bars on the steep slope down to Shattuck Street;
 - Installing a horse ramp on Shattuck Street and cutting an opening in the fence;
 - Keeping trails on the front of Brooks Orchard as is, and reinstalling a circumference trail on the rear orchard;
 - A connector trail from the Williams Barn trail to the rear orchard circumference trail;
 - Reinstalling non-motorized vehicle signage on Brooks Orchard.

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(3) Guided Hikes

- a. The following guided hikes were scheduled:
- 8/14: 2pm Town Forest/Senior Center (Preiss)
 - 8/28: 2pm Skinner Forest (Bretschneider)

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Motion to adjourn by Funch, seconded by Taylor. AYE: Legge, Funch, Minott, Preiss, Taylor, Good; NAY: none; Abstain: none. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.