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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****

17 July 2012

Attendees:

Chairman	Paul Funch	
Vice Chair	Joachim Preiss	X
Members:	Ed Bretschneider	X
	Wendy Good	(X)
	Stephen Legge	X
	Olin Lathrop	X
	David Minott	
	Scott Stathis	X
	John Wiesner	X

Visitors:

Bruce Easom, ConsCom, Community Preservation Commission, Squannacook Greenway Helene Cahen Wendy Good (member not sworn in)

At 7.30 pm Vicechair Preiss called the meeting to order with the above quorum of Committee members plus listed visitors present.

Topics

- (1) Election of officers: Bretschneider moved and Lathrop seconded a motion to elect Funch as chair, Preiss as Vicechair; Yea: Preiss, Bretschneider, Stathis, Lathrop, Legge, Wiesner; Nay: none. Abstain: none.
- (2) Preiss read from Funch's recent report on completed trail projects. In addition he reported on the mowing of Hurd, Scarlet, and Gibbet hill trails.
- (3) Preiss read from Funch's further announcement for upcoming trail projects and requested ample participation.
- (4) Easom provided an update on the Squannacook River rail trail.: A non-profit organization has been launched to be able to apply for grants and raise donations.
- (5) Digital trails:
 - (A) We are seeking permission from landowners to show trails on private land on our interactive trails web site. Trails where permission has not yet been given or where it has been declined will be removed. Preiss repeated the request to the members to review all trails on the interactive map and report discrepancies from the real world. Trails shown as marked must have our trail markers.
 - QR codes: The committee reached consensus that a uniform QR code should be posted at trailheads, as customized codes would require an indelible ink printer. Each marker must say

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www.grotontrails.org underneath to show it is an official marker and not illegal advertising. Good presented a quote from Voss Signs: Square markers are significantly cheaper than round ones. 50 pcs for \$128, 150 pcs for \$194; plus a setup charge.

(6) Grotonfest: Stathis moved and Bretschneider seconded a motion to ask Funch to send in the form and spend \$25 to reserve the booth for the Friends of the Trail Network. Yea: Preiss, Bretschneider, Stathis, Legge, Wiesner; Nay: none, Abstain: Lathrop.

(8) Future trail projects: Waller parcel, cox parcel; Lathrop reported on two downed trees on Orion Way he will take care of in the near future.

(9) ConsCom items:

It was mentioned again that it would be beneficial for us to regularly meet with the ConsCom.

Items to discuss:

- * Sawtell encroachment

- * ATVs on Groton Hills parcel and elsewhere

(10) It was suggested to issue a press release on our new web site once site is updated with new members' names;

(11) Guided hikes: start up in September;

Stathis moved and Bretschneider seconded a motion to adjourn: Yea: Preiss, Bretschneider, Stathis, Legge, Lathrop, Wiesner; Nay: none, Abstain: none.

Minutes approved as amended on 21 August 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Vicechair Joachim Preiss.