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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****

15 January 2013

Attendees:

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

Visitors:

Bruce Easom

Paul called the meeting to order at 19:35.

The minutes of the 18 December 2012 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Fitch's Bridge issues were discussed. Paul was interviewed for the "Groton News" local cable news show. The bids for the work to remove the old structure and to optionally install a new one have been received and are much lower than was expected. The CPC will vote later this week whether to recommend the project to Town Meeting.

Wendy reported that the Groton Conservation Trust (GCT) has given permission to post one QR code plaque at each trailhead. These must not be put on GCT signs, but can be put on trailhead posts installed by the Trails Committee.

Paul reported that the memorandum of understanding with the GCT regarding the Trails Committee performing trail maintenance is still in process at the GCT.

Paul reported that the Trails Committee received two donations. Connie and Ted Lapres donated a backpack leaf blower worth \$544.33. The Squannacook River Runners donated \$2700, which is the entire proceeds from the Town Forest Trail Races last fall. Trails Committee funds now total about \$3,400.

The template letters written by Joachim to introduce the QR code plaques to land owners and others were approved by unanimous vote.

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Joachim will attend the next Conservation Commission meeting and will introduce the QR code plaques.

Paul is continuing to attend the Montachusett Regional Trail Coalition conference meetings.

Issues regarding Williams Barn/Sorhaug Woods, Mahoney Lane, and the surrounding trails were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:41 by unanimous vote.