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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****

15 October 2013

Legion Hall

Attendees:

Chairman	Paul Funch	X	
Vice Chair	Joachim Preiss	X	
Members:	Dave Burnham	X	
	Wendy Good	X	
	Olin Lathrop	X	recorder
	Stephen Legge	X	
	Dave Minott	X	
	Jim Molaskey	X	
	David Pitkin		
	Scott Stathis	X	
	John Wiesner	X	

Visitors:

Tom Callahan
Jason Remillard

The meeting was called to order at 19:37.

The September minutes were approved. Preiss abstained, all others voted in favor.

Report on Guided hikes: 20 people attended the hike at Shepley Hills on 13 Oct led by Lathrop. Minott will lead hikes on 3 Nov at Gamlin Crystal Spring and on 17 Nov on the Esker Trail. Lathrop will lead a hike on 15 Dec on Wharton Plantation.

Good reported that no-horses signs could be acquired for \$3.45 each. These are about 4x4 inches. The committee voted unanimously to authorize up to \$50 to purchase ten no-horses signs.

Funch reported that the Town Forest Trail Races went well. Numbers were down from last year, probably due to conflict with another event.

Good and Lathrop reported that the Conservation Commission unanimously voted to get the Schofield property appraised as a step in possible purchase of the property by the commission.

Funch and Legge reported on the sustainable trails workshop they attended at Crotched Mountain. Receipts for expenses were signed by committee members. Funch showed pictures of the accessible trails near Crotched Mountain.

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Preiss was presented with a plaque for his significant contribution to Groton trails and the Trails Committee over the last 10 years, which included 6 years in a leadership role.

The trails signage plan was discussed. Legge will investigate possible sign makers. Legge will send email to all committee members requesting suggestions for signs.

Up to \$500 was unanimously approved for materials for a boardwalk over a wet area in the Williams/Sorhaug parcel.

The projects that were planned for the 2013 season were reviewed and compared to what was actually accomplished.

Remillard presented on the capabilities of the OpenStreetmap software, and how it could be used to provide a map of Groton Trails. Various alternatives were discussed, although no vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:52 by unanimous vote.