



TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes 19 November 2013

Attendees:

Chairman	Paul Funch	X
Members:	David Burnham	
	Wendy Good	X
	Olin Lathrop	X
	Stephen Legge	X
	David Minott	X
	Jim Molaskey	X
	David Pitkin	X (Recorder)
	Scott Stathis	
	John Wiesner	X

Visitors:

Bruce Easom
Hélène Cahen

Call to Order

At 7:35 p.m. Chairman Paul Funch called the meeting to order with the above Committee members present.

Approval of Minutes

Olin Lathrop moved to accept the minutes of 15 October 2013; Stephen Legge seconded; approved by unanimous vote; David Pitkin abstained.

Reports

David Minott gave a report of the recent guided trail hikes:

November 3rd at Gamlin / Indian Rock with sixteen attendees
November 17th at Gamlin Esker with eleven attendees

Olin Lathrop gave an update on upcoming hikes:

Wharton Plantation December 15
J. Harry Rich Forest January 12
Groton Place – Surrenden Farms February 9

Olin Lathrop reported that the Groton Conservation Commission made a negative declaration for his request for determination of applicability and also provided some instructions for the bridge project at the Johnston Parcel. The volunteer he had been working with has been unresponsive. Olin recommended that Trails Committee should do this project anyway. Bruce Easom and Paul Funch volunteered to bring materials and have a work party to build the bridge. Wendy shared some "No Horses" signs for the bridge and Jim Molaskey shared how they prepped a previous bridge project. David Pitkin offered to ask the abutting landowner if we could use their farm for access to the site

Steve Legge and Paul Funch reported on reopening a trail at the Old Town Dump on Nod Rd. and extending it to the Nashua River. The new trail is intended to provide EMT access to the Nashua River for school groups participating in the Nashua River Classroom of the NRWA as well as any others on the river who may need their help.

Discussions

The Groton Trails stewardship spreadsheet was reviewed. Paul Funch went over some parcels that still did not have a Trail Committee member taking ownership to see if there were volunteers for their stewardship.

At 8:30 p.m. John Wiesner departed.

At 9:22 p.m. Bruce Easom gave a report on progress at Cox / Walker property

Mr. Easom reported that he had flagged, using GPS, a trail from behind Williams Barn to Chicopee Row across from the newly acquired Cox / Walker property. The management plan for the Walker / Cox property is not done yet but is being worked on to come up with final usage restrictions and trail locations.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 9:50 p.m.