



# TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

## \*\* Monthly Meeting Minutes \*\*

15 April 2014

### Attendees:

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

### Visitors:

Bruce Easom
Helene Cahen
Will Premru
Greg Premru
Michelle Ruby

### Call to Order

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

### Approval of Minutes

Funch moved to accept the minutes of March 2014. Jim M seconded; approved by unanimous vote.

### Reports

- 1) Hike reports were given.
- 2) Will's Eagle Scout project was updated. His bridge design and possible issues were discussed. Equestrian issues were discussed. Will was directed to talk to the Conservation Commission about the design of the bridge in regards to materials and wetland issues before further steps are taken.
- 3) Olin gave an update on his Wharton Plantation bridge project. OK has been given by NEFF and Conservation Commission to build a bridge.
- 4) Olin provided a report on his training weekend at the Harvard Forest in Petersham.
- 5) GTC MOA with Groton Conservation Trust and waiver were discussed. Several points were brought up to be ironed out before a final agreement is made. Olin moved to accept the MOA conditionally on town counsel's approval. David P seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- 6) Groton Trails day discussion. Olin's hike idea was discussed - whether to do a large hike around the town or several smaller hikes. Logistic concerns were discussed. Helene offered her property as a parking area for activities. Moving forward, specific points for activities to be determined.

- 7) Olin proposed a forestry hike and a Woods Forum. Olin would like GTC to put on an informative walk, possibly at Wharton. GTC was willing to sponsor the walk, but not the Woods Forum.
- 8) Olin gave a quick proposal on signs. Olin suggested we place trails signs at the Williams Barn area for a test area.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made and passed unanimously.