** Monthly Meeting Minutes **
17 June 2014

Attendees:
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<th>Chairman</th>
<th>Paul Funch</th>
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<td>Vice Chair</td>
<td>Joachim Preiss</td>
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<td>Members:</td>
<td>Wendy Good</td>
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<td>Olin Lathrop</td>
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<td>David Minott</td>
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<td>Jim Molaskey</td>
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<td>David Pitkin</td>
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<td>Scott Stathis</td>
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Visitors:
- Alexander Jeffrey

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

Approval of Minutes
1) Funch moved to accept the minutes of April 2014. Scott S. seconded; approved by unanimous vote.
2) Funch moved to accept the minutes of May 2014. Scott S. seconded; approved by unanimous vote.

Reports
1) Hike reports were given.
2) Greenways River Festival. Great attendance. 20+ individuals signed up on the trails committee email list.
3) Alexander Jeffrey’s Eagle Scout project was briefed. Discussed potential projects provided by the trails committee. Strong interest in putting a kiosk at the top of Chestnut Hill by the water tower. Also discussed various bridge projects including McLain’s Woods as well as bog bridges in McLain’s Woods. Decision to conduct a walk through to scope the project at McLain’s Woods.
4) Olin gave an update on phase 2 of his Wharton Plantation bridge project. First span was built May 25th and phase 2 was completed June 14th. Project is complete.
5) Williams Barn/Sorhaug bog bridges phase 2 is approved. Targeted completion on Saturday June 21st. Two spans are to be installed.
6) Williams Barn/Sorhaug sign project. Olin spoke with various sign makers. Professional sign makers are not an option due to the cost of small production runs. Nashoba Technical High School was contacted and is interested. A preliminary meeting between Olin and Nashoba Tech will take place on June 23rd. Olin is exploring different materials for the signs including Pressure Treated and composite material.
7) Still Meadow field loop trail and new entrance. Paul Funch received permission from the Groton Conservation Trust on a new trail. Paul created a new entrance on Nashua Rd. that provides improved access. Markers will be placed at the entrance. Will discuss placing trailhead posts at the entrance with the Groton Conservation Trust.

8) Trex board recycling. Olin, Paul, and David M. recycled trex deck planking from a deck that was being torn down. Olin organized a work project to cut up the deck and collect the recycled material.

9) Gamlin Crystal Springs bridge project. Dave Minott received permission from the Groton Conservation trust to install the bridge. Dave will now request permission from the Conservation Commission prior to proceeding. Target completion is July.

10) Nashua River Accessible Trail. Conservation Commission site walk at J. Harry Rich State Forest is planned for June 21st, following the site walk on the same day for the Gamlin project. Grant for the trail will not be announced until October. If the project is approved with conditions by the Conservation Commission it would be good for three years.

11) Mowing progress. Still Meadow has been mowed by Paul Funch. Scarlet Hill is the next target.

Discussions
1. Reappointments and replacements for committee members. Joachim will not re-submit his candidacy. The opening will be posted on the Groton Website.

2. Advocates for Trails Vision projects. Paul encouraged members to take on individual projects as part of the Trails Vision. Paul is taking on the Riverwalk project, an accessible trail along the Nashua River from Groton Place to the Hazel Grove Park (Fairgrounds). Plan is to work through the approvals and apply for the grant in 2016. Will apply for CPC funds to cover the matching funds requirement.

3. Reports from members on parcels for clearing, marking, signage, problems, etc.
   a. Brown lane trail connection to Cox-Walker. Paul and Wendy marked the locations for the trail posts. DigSafe will be contacted to ensure no issues. Sunday June 29th at 10:00 AM for the initial trail construction.
   b. Williams Barn/Sorhaug connection from Chicopee Row to B. Clements Trail. Paul also marked the trailhead post locations for this trail for DigSafe and initial trail construction is planned for July.
   c. Connecting trail(s) from Chicopee Row through Cox-Walker to existing trail. The trails need to be scouted out and marked. Wendy flagged one in 2013. A date for the walk through has yet to be determined. Target is July 12th.

4. Joachim submitted to the committee 3 proposals for new Groton Town Forest trails maps. Discussed the merits of each map. Joachim to choose the most appropriate.

5. Olin requests reimbursement for the following:
   a. Staples charges for submitting RDA and hardware required for the bridge construction. Total is $55.25. The committee unanimously approved and signed the receipts.

6. Scott Stathis discussed the Sunset Point project. The committee agreed to view the sunset to determine viability.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn made and passed unanimously at 9:32 PM.