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Groton Trails Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes 16 December 2014 - at Legion Hall

Attendees:

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

Visitors:

Bruce Easom
Helene Cahen

Call to Order

Chairman Funch called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Funch moved to accept the minutes, as amended, of Nov 2014; Lathrop seconded; approved by unanimous vote.

Reports/Old Business

Guided hikes: Minott reported there were 14 people on the Dec 7th guided hike on Indian Rock Trail and the Boulders Trail of the Gamlin Crystal Spring Conservation Area, and 25 people on the Dec 14th guided hike on the Nashua River east-side trails (which was sponsored jointly with the AMC).

Planned future hikes (both at 1:00 pm)

- Jan 11th 2015 Shepley Hills led by Olin Lathrop
- Feb 15th 2015 McClain's Woods led by Olin Lathrop

Sign Production Status: Lathrop set up a GTC account with the MA dept of Corrections in anticipation of producing a few test signs. Lathrop also walked some trails with a distance measurement wheel to get accurate lengths of trail segments for inclusion on planned signage.

Nashua River Accessible Trail: Paul continues to gather information on proper building of accessible trails in Groton. A related meeting with DCR officials at Willard Brook Headquarters and a potential site walk at J. Harry Rich State Forest is planned for Jan 6th at 10 AM.

Website and trail map status: Jason Remillard reported that he has continued to improve the functionality and graphics of the GTC online map. More points of interest icons have been added and can now be seen when zooming in on the map. Additional sidewalks that link trails have also been added. Some browser compatibility issues were noted with older versions of IE. Also, some discrepancies were noticed on base map that will be corrected.

Discussions

Boy Scout Project List: Funch reported the following list of recent and future potential projects for the Boy Scouts:

- Blake Abraham: Finished bridge in Flavell Crossing
- Will Premru: Moving ahead on the Paugus Trail entrance to the Groton Woods subdivision trails. Went out last weekend with Bruce Easom to survey more precisely.
- Alexander Jeffries: Last communication had him considering a table and benches at Williams Barn.
- Nick Boggiano: Still thinking about what project to pick. He has asked to meet with Funch to “scout” some bridge locations and answer his questions. No date planned yet.
- Ben Hauk: Newest inquiry (12/9). Funch sent list of potential projects but hasn’t heard anything from him since then.

Annual Groton Conservation Forum: The inaugural Annual Groton Conservation Forum will be held Wednesday February 11, 2015 at 7 PM at the Groton Country Club. This is the first of a proposed annual summit of all conservation/recreation groups operating in Groton and is being organized by the Groton Conservation Commission (GCC), the Groton Conservation Trust (GCT), and the Groton Trails Committee (GTC) with all conservation-related organizations in town being invited.

Freedom’s Way/MRTC: There is a planning meeting scheduled on Fri Feb 13th at (TBD time and place). The Groton Trails Day event will be Sun May 31st.

Adjournment

Lathrop moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 and Burnham seconded. Meeting was then adjourned by unanimous vote.