



# TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

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

**April 21 2015**

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Visitors:**

Bruce Easom

### **Call to Order**

At 7:30 p.m. Chairman Funch called the meeting to order with the above Committee members present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Funch moved to accept the amended minutes of 17 March 2015; Lathrop seconded; approved by unanimous vote.

### **Hikes Held**

April 12 – Groton Hills –Lathrop, 20 people attended.

April 19 – Throne Hill, Minott (GTC, in conjunction with Groton READS), 17 people attended.

### **Planned Hikes**

Jun 21 – Gamlin Indian Rock and Boulder trails, 1pm, Minott (GTC)

### **Gifts of the Glaciers**

Wiesner will bring flyer to elementary school. Lathrop will post flyer to AMC email list. Remillard will post flyer to website.

### **Sign project update**

Lathrop received permission from the Conservation Commission to install trail signs.

Molaskey moved to approve 7 new signs in Cox-Walker and McLains Woods, and 2 new signs at Williams Barn; motion approved by a vote of 6-1. The vote in opposition (Pitkin) was based on the design of the signs.

Pitkin moved to approve reimbursement to Lathrop for the \$77.40 cost of the test 12x6" signs; motion was unanimously approved.

**Nashua River Accessible Trail update**

The request for Community Preservation Act funds to develop the Nashua River Accessible Trail was recommended to town meeting for approval by unanimous votes of the Community Preservation Committee, the Selectmen, and the Finance Committee.

**Support of Article 30, CPC Proposal B to fund the Conservation Fund**

Legge moved that the Trails Committee support Article 30, CPC Proposal B to fund the Conservation Fund at a level of \$200,000; motion was approved unanimously, with two abstentions (Remillard, Molaskey).

Lathrop moved that Paul Funch will announce the Trails Committee's support of Article 30, CPC Proposal B to fund the Conservation Fund, at the Annual Town Meeting; motion was approved unanimously.

**Eagle Scout Project update – Paugus Trail entrance to Groton Woods**

Current plans are for Will Premru to install trailhead posts and rock stairs near the trailhead.

**Spring projects discussion**

Two new trails were discussed. First, through the new Groton Conservation Trust's CR on Arthur Blackman's house parcel to the Bates-Blackman parcel. Second, through the field behind Marion Stoddart's house off Long Hill Road to existing trails in NEFF's Sabine Woods/Groton Place.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 9:45 p.m.