



TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****

December 15, 2015

Attendees:

Chairman	Paul Funch	X
Vice Chair	Olin Lathrop	X
Members	Paul Barstow	
	David Burnham	X
	Chris Bussiere	
	Wendy Good	X
	Steve Henderson	
	Stephen Legge	
	David Minott	X
	David Pitkin	
	Jason Remillard	X (Recorder)

Visitors:

None

Call to Order

Chairman Funch called the meeting to order with the above Committee members present at 7:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved.

Reports/Old Business

a) Guided Hikes: Minott reported on completed and planned hikes:

1) Completed Hikes

- 11/27 – The Throne Trail System, GTC/GTC - Dave Minott, and Dave Pitkin, 24 hikers.
- 11/27 – Nashua River – AMC - Olin Lathrop
- 12/6 – Gamlin Esker Trail - GTC - Dave Minott, 26 hikers.
- 11/27 – Bike Ride, Gamlin Esker Trail – GCT/GTC - Cronin-Massapoag – Dave Burnham, 30 bikers.

2) Planned Future Hikes:

- 12/20 Town Forest, GTC/AMC – 1:00 PM Olin Lathrop
- 1/10 Rocky Hill Sanctuary – GTC/AMC, 1:00 PM Olin Lathrop

b) Trail Maintenance

Paul Funch worked on the fall cleanup of the Nashua River Rail trail.

c) Current Eagle Scout Projects (3):

- 1) Alex Platt – Observation Deck, Hawtree Trail: Installation was started.
- 2) Will Premru – Paugus Trail Head: Cut a new trail off of Paugus Trail to existing trail network.
- 3) Ben Hauk – Two Bridges in McLain's Woods are making good progress.

Letters of acknowledgment and appreciation have been drafted for the Eagle Scout candidates with completed projects and are in the process of being signed by members.

d) John Tinker Trail Update

- DCR - Needs to install signs.
- DCR - Needs to install picnic table
- GTC - Name needs to be updated on online trail map.
- GTC - Needs to install handicap parking signs
- GTC - Needs to cut some trees back to improve views of the river.

e) Website and Mapping Status:

Lathrop reported his progress mapping and transferring GPS files to the grotontrails.org

Discussions and New Business:

a) Purchase of Cargo Trailer for Tools:

Paul Funch discussed the need for the GTC to purchase a tool trailer for maintenance activity. Several questions were raised about insurance, type of trailer, towing a town trailer with a non-town car, where to store it, and process for purchasing.

b) Money

Paul Funch reported current account balance of the gift fund at \$4,485.74 and race proceeds account at \$10,918.00.

c) Post Holes

Paul Funch discussed ways of working with the highway department to maintain the GTC trail posts, specifically digging the post holes with a hole digging machine.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 9:30 PM.