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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****

Sept 20, 2016

Attendees:			Visitors:
Chairman	Paul Funch		Grace Remillard
Vice Chair	Olin Lathrop	X	Jeremy Sickles
Secretary	Emma Newman	X	
Members	Paul Barstow		
	David Burnham	X	
	Wendy Good	X	
	Stephen Legge	X	
	Wanfang Murray		
	Timothy Newman	X	
	Jason Remillard	X	

1. Call to Order

Lathrop called the meeting to order with the above committee members present at 7:02pm.

2. Reports/Old Business

a) Approval of Minutes

Good moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2016; Legge seconded the motion.

- approved unanimously.

b) Eagle Scout

Jeremy Sickles, reviewed plans to re-route a section of Amanda's Way trail. He has drafted the RDA and asked for assistance on the RDA.

Action Item – Lathrop to work with Jeremy on RDA.

No further updates received from remaining Eagle Scout projects:

- Eric Huber: Bridge in Groton hills.
- Will Hughson: Throne Hill trail bog bridge.
- Zach Miller: Digging trail head posts and other posts. 24 identified.

c) Guided Hikes and Bike Rides

- **Completed**
 - 18 Sept, Throne Hill; 4 people.

- **Planned Future:**

- 9 Oct, Fall Traverse (Dan Parker Road to Williams Barn).

Lathrop advised that Barstow has stated he is unable support the publicity activity regarding guided hikes. Remillard volunteered, and requested guidance on process, Lathrop recommended Remillard contact David Minnott.

d) Website Status

Grace Remillard demonstrated the prototype new website:

- All received trail descriptions have been uploaded.
- Designed to be mobile viewing friendly.
- Committee noted update required on website for meeting time start from 7:30 to 7:00 pm.
- Aim is to make new Website online and available for Grotonfest.
- Aim to get photo on front page but keep it mobile friendly.
- Propose to demonstrate website to booth visitors at Grotonfest on mobile devices.

7:28; Burnham arrived

Action Item: Grace to send the link of prototype website to committee for review before go live.

e) Signage and Mapping Status

Good and Newman E, Confirmed Hazel Grove map sign had been erected by Hazel Grove Committee.

Lathrop confirmed he is working on completing the trail head distance signs for:

- Gratuity Road Trail head.
- Hazel Grove Trail head.

f) Trail Development Projects

- Martins Pond Road Trail Head into Scarlet Hill.

Action Item: Lathrop to contact Meredith Scarlet about plans and design of remediation and verify outside buffer zone.

- Whispering brook cul-de-sac .

Action Item: Barstow to update committee at next meeting.

g) GrotonFest

Funch has offered to set up at 9:00 am and tear down at 16:30pm.

Action Item: Newman E to email the booth Schedule and compile response of people availability.

h) Committee Membership

Dave Pitkin has requested not to be re-appointment.

Wanfang Murray has been appointed as a new member.

i) Trail Maintenance Projects

Lathrop reported clearance work completed by Funch and volunteers on trails in Town Forest and Middle School XC course.

j) SCA Proposed Projects

Good explained, SCA stands for Student Conservation Association who seek out low cost projects of a couple weeks duration, in locations where there is ability to camp on site. Previously completed trail in J.Harry Rich State Forest.

Committee recommended: Gleason connector – Bog Bridge, re-instate trail where Beaver dam has created damage.

3. Discussions and New Business:

a) Northwoods Trailhead Post

Good reported that there are there are a lot of wires on the land of proposed new trailhead near 15 Northwoods road, so there is a planned meeting on either October 5 or 6, with Bruce Eason, Good and the neighbors of land.

4. Adjournment

Good moved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm, Burnham seconded the motion.

- approved unanimously.