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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****

Jan 26, 2017

Attendees:			Visitors:
Chairman	Paul Funch	X	
Vice Chair	Olin Lathrop	X	
Secretary	Emma Newman		
Members	Wanfang Murray		
	David Burnham	X	
	Stephen Legge		
	Timothy Newman	X	
	Jason Remillard		
	Jim Peregoy	X	
	Dan Patnaude	X	

1. Call to Order

Funch called the meeting to order with the above committee members present at 6:45 pm.

2. Conservation Commission's Grant for Gibbet Hill Bridge

The committee discussed the grant request being submitted by Bruce Easom on behalf of the Groton Conservation Commission to the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to build a bridge on the Gibbet Hill recreational easement trail. The 60' bridge across the wetland area in the saddle between the two high points of Gibbet Hill is needed because the area is problematic at all times for pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists, as well as for access by brush mowing equipment because of its wetness and because of the many large stones that have been placed in the area over the years. However, the cost of a bridge to correct the problem has been an even greater impediment. The possibility of obtaining a grant from the RTP provides an opportunity to make this trail safe and accessible for all.

Lathrop moved that the Trails Committee authorize Funch to submit a letter of support for the Conservation Commission's RTP grant submission to fund construction of a bridge on the Gibbet Hill trail. Patnaude seconded.

- Approved unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Lathrop moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.

- Approved unanimously.