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Groton Trails Committee

** Monthly Meeting Minutes **

April 18, 2017

| Attendees: | | | Visitors: | |
|----------------|-----------------|---|-----------|--|
| Chairman | Paul Funch | X | | |
| Vice Chair | Olin Lathrop | X | | |
| Secretary | Tim Newman | X | | |
| Members | Wanfang Murray | X | | |
| | David Burnham | X | | |
| | Stephen Legge | X | | |
| | Jason Remillard | X | | |
| | Jim Peregoy | X | | |
| | Dan Patnaude | | | |
| | Darcy Schultz | X | | |
| | Bob Ordemann | X | | |
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1. Call to Order

Funch called the meeting to order with the above committee members present at 07:05pm

2. Approval of February minutes

Lathrop moved to approve the minutes, as amended, of Mar 21, 2017; Burnham seconded the motion.

- Approved unanimously.

3. Reports / Old Business

a) Guided Hikes – Lathrop reported:

- Sun 23 Apr 2017, 1pm. Snake Hill.
- Sun 21 May 2017, 1pm. Cox, Walker, and beyond.
- Sun 4 June 2017, 1pm. Northeast Groton.
- Funch reported: May 14, 8:00-11:00am, Hidden Treasures hike, Footprints of the Glaciers, starting from Williams Barn.
- Murray reported: May 14, 8:30-10:30am, Bird watching and nature walk, Nashua River Rail Trail, starting at Station Ave.

b) Boy Scouts Project Status

- Jeremy Sickles: Amanda's Way/GWD bridge and trail re-routing.

- No report.
 - Will Hughson: Throne Hill bog bridge.
 - No report.
 - Zach Miller: replacing trailhead posts and guide posts.
 - Funch reported: About to start soon, but requires permissions in advance.
 - Matthew Wong: geo-fencing points of interest.
 - No report.
 - Bryan Bonnett: folding display unit.
 - No report.
 - Eric Huber: installing trail markers in Shepley Hills.
 - Funch reported: Due to start Wed 19 April and should be finished in 2 days.
- c) Sign Status (Voss order)
- Funch reported #1000 white markers ordered.
 - Lathrop reported on Williams Barn signage – confirmed committee agreed to location of the sign, but wanted to reserve the right to remove the sign within one year. Lathrop needs to complete the signage design.
 - Lathrop reported on the need for the Groton Hills signage. He is collecting data on the trail distances.
- d) Request to Purchase Trail Markers for Wedding Favor
- An email request to purchase Groton trail markers as favors at upcoming wedding was received.
 - Lathrop made a motion to allow Lisa Buch to purchase the trail markers from the Groton Trails Committee at cost. Ordemann seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
- e) Complete Streets Committee Report
- Legge reported from the public meeting:
 - Initial submission to the state has been successful, so more detail is now required, incl costs. Minutes on the Town website.
- f) Designs for Trails Committee Volunteer T-Shirts
- Legge discussed updated designs. Additional feedback was provided by the committee. Schultz offered to support this endeavor.
 - Legge requested the Groton trails logo – Funch to supply the electronic design.
- g) Website and Map Status
- Remillard suggested the following additions to the website:
 - Eagle Scout projects – a general guideline document prepared to help scouts understand the process.
 - A list of completed Eagle Scout projects and the list of potential projects for scouts to choose from.

4. New Business

a) Stewardship Volunteers for Conservation Parcels:

- Trail Maintenance - General discussion about various sites needing trail maintenance.
- Murray asked about the trail cleanup schedule. Funch reported committee members can start immediately. Let Funch know if chainsaw work is needed.
- Parcel assignments – Went through the Conservation Commission parcels. Committee members signed up to take responsibility for trail walking, monitoring and clean-up. Funch made updates to the spreadsheet assignment details in real time.

b) 2017 Goals and Objectives of Trails Committee:

- Funch briefly reviewed / discussed the document details with the committee. Discussion will continue at May's meeting.

5. Adjournment

Lathrop moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Seconded by Burnham.

- Approved unanimously.