



# TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

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

May 16, 2017

Attendees:			Visitors:
Chairman	Paul Funch	X	Wendy Good
Vice Chair	Olin Lathrop	X	John Ellenberger
Secretary	Tim Newman	X	
<b>Members</b>	Wanfang Murray		
	David Burnham	X	
	Stephen Legge		
	Jason Remillard	X	
	Jim Peregoy	X	
	Dan Patnaude		
	Darcy Schultz	X	
	Bob Ordemann	X	

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Approval of April Minutes

Lathrop moved to approve the minutes, as amended, of April 18, 2017; Burnham seconded the motion.

- Approved unanimously.

### 3. Reports / Old Business Guided Hikes

- Apr 23, 1:00pm., Snake Hill. Leader: Lathrop, 29 participants
- May 14, 8:00-11:00am, Hidden Treasures hike, Footprints of the Glaciers, starting from Williams Barn. Leader: Funch, 1 participant
- May 14, 8:30-10:30am, Bird watching and nature walk, Nashua River Rail Trail, starting at Station Ave. – Leader: Murray, 1 participant
- Upcoming hikes led by Lathrop
  - Sun, 21 May, 1pm., “Cox, Walker, and Beyond”.
  - Sun, 4 June 2017, 1pm. “Northeast Groton”.

#### b) Boy Scouts Project Status

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

- Funch reported, Submitted the RDA, site walk and meeting April 25, was approved (negative determinations). Next step to build.
- Will Hughson: Throne Hill bog bridge.
  - Funch/Lathrop reported, Submitted RDA, waiting for site walk and review
- Zach Miller: replacing trailhead posts and guide posts.
  - Funch reported: Has started, Funch has been reviewing permissions required, site visits
- Matthew Wong: geo-fencing points of interest.
  - No report.
- Bryan Bonnett: folding display unit.
  - Funch reported: Display unit delivered – thank you letter written, signatures collected.
- Eric Huber: installing trail markers in Shepley Hills.
  - Funch reported: Successfully completed 21 April – thank you letter written, signatures collected.

c) Sign Status

- Lathrop reported:
  - Progress with signage and maps – measuring around Rocky Hills and Snake Hills area
  - Groton Hills signage. All data now collected
- Funch reported:
  - Handicap parking signs installed at the John Tinker trail head. Three posts also installed at the parking lot/entrance and at the first trail crossing to hold “No Horses” signs. Two posts still need to be installed at the end of the trail.
  - Rail trail enhancements have been made by another Eagle Scout project from Pepperell– painting of bollards and road names added at road crossings.

d) Website and Map Status

- Remillard reported:
  - No website changes this month. Large display map printed at Groton Public Library.
  - Library has been provided some printed maps for distribution. Library will be provided PDFs for printing on an on-demand basis when the latest map updates have been finished.

e) Complete Streets Committee Report

- No Report

f) Groton Trust Funds Lecture Grant

- Funch reported: Submitted a request for grant for Pete Westover presentation on land use issues and associated topics. To be held sometime in Fall 2017. Cost \$500

- g) Trails Project Reports
  - Funch reported: clearing trees on trails as a result of recent weather - April/May clean-up report
  - Groton Town Forest – reports of trees down/overhangs in need of clearing. Trail markers needed on some of the minor trails
  - Schultz suggested project to remark the Groton Town Forest intersection markers.
- h) Designs for Volunteer T-shirts
  - No report

#### **4. New Business**

- a) John Ellenberger – signage
  - Wood signage designs, at no charge – what do we need? It can be up to 24x24 inch size maximum. Wood, plastic, (metal may be possible). 3D style signage. Something to consider for future to compliment current signs. Lathrop suggested Throne signage/map as a proof of concept.
- b) Stewardship Volunteers for Conservation Parcels:
  - Parcel assignments – Groton Conservation Trust parcels and some others were reviewed and most were adopted by members present
- c) 2017 Goals and Objectives of Trails Committee:
  - Topic not discussed.
- d) Greenway River Festival – Lathrop reported Invasive species group has asked if they can share our booth again this coming year – June 11<sup>th</sup>. No objection from the committee.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Peregoy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. Seconded by Ordemann.

- Approved unanimously.