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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes **** **November 20, 2018**

Attendees:		(Present: x)	Visitors:
Chair	Paul Funch	X	
Vice Chair	Bob Ordemann		
Secretary	Ryan McMeniman	X	
Members	Olin Lathrop	X	
	Jason Remillard	X	
	Jim Peregoy	X	
	Kevin Barrett	X	
	Stephen Legge	X	
	Wanfang Murray		
	Kiirja Paananen	X	
	Jonna Branigan	X	

Call to Order

Chairman Funch called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Jonna Branigan

Jonna Branigan, who has been sworn in, was welcomed as the newest member of the Groton Trails Committee.

Approval of September Minutes

VOTE: Lathrop moved to approve the minutes, as amended, of October 16, 2018 and Peregoy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Guided Hikes

Program with Groton Inn concluded in October. Recent hikes: Sept. 22nd, 12 people; Sept. 29th, 4 people; Oct. 6th, 3 people; October 13th, 5; October 20th, 8 people.

Sign Status

Lathrop provided a sample of the trail signs for the Groton Hills area (green background with white reflective paint). Signs to be affixed to metal poles, which are on order (6 x 11' poles that will be cut in half to make 12 smaller posts). Lathrop has contacted Groton DPW to cut

the posts.

The Groton Town Forest Committee toured the Town Forest to review signage. Ordemann has been creating additional junction signs for the Town Forest.

Trail Projects Reports & Expenditures

Keyes Woods project completed November 17th. Multiple committee members in attendance.

Funch discussed restarting conversation with Groton School regarding re-opening/maintaining trails on their property.

Paananen suggested before/after pictures taken in advance of clean-up project.

Website & Map Status

Domain renewal completed with Network Solutions (domain provider).

Eagle Scout Project Status Report

Lathrop showed pictures of Max Prescott's horse bridge and Cole Pisani's bog bridge. The horse bridge needs to be raised up 1-3" to clear high water from recent rains. Additional approach work on-going. Bog bridge also has some challenges with being submerged and it needs to be leveled.

Lathrop suggested that future projects require a design phase as part of the process for proposing a structure. Barrett suggested a set of requirements be established. Funch concurred with recommended materials. Legge asked about a representation of a well-built bridge. Several committee members suggested the bridge near Amanda's Way as a good example (other bridges also discussed).

Lathrop mentioned that there may be eight (8) Eagle Scout candidates from Troop 1. The Bridge Street bridge might be a good candidate.

Greenway Challenge

Barrett reviewed the background of the challenge series of races (trail and road races) that is in support of trails and clean water initiatives. Discussion regarding logistics and organizational challenges.

Year in Review and 2019 Planning

Funch discussed the 2018 GTC Annual Goals. Funch to provide a draft of 2019 GTC Annual Goals with additional initiatives.

Adjournment:

VOTE: The meeting was adjourned with unanimous vote at 8:51 PM.