



# TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

**\*\* Monthly Meeting Minutes \*\***  
**June 18, 2019**

<b>Attendees:</b> (Present: X)			<b>Visitors:</b>
Chair	Paul Funch	X	John Ellenberger
Vice Chair	Bob Ordemann	X	Pascal Miller
Secretary			Laura DeGroot
<b>Members</b>	Olin Lathrop	X	Paul Riley
	Jason Remillard		
	Jim Peregoy	X	
	Kevin Barrett	X	
	Stephen Legge	X	
	Wanfang Murray	X	

## Call to Order

Chair Paul F called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

## April Meeting Minutes

Jim P moved to approve. Kevin B seconded. 5 approved, 1 abstained (Olin L).

## Financial Update

Town account balance \$9,413.00 (gift fund).

## Guided Hikes

Kiirja P will continue to post hike information on social media.

May 4<sup>th</sup> bird hike planned at Rocky Hill Audubon.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, at 1:00, being led by Olin L, Groton Hills.

Olin will follow up conversation with Groton Inn to discuss working together on organizing and promoting hikes.

## **Sign Status**

Signs and posts have been delivered. Hardware still needs to be purchased. Tom Delaney assisted in the cutting the materials.

Approvals in process for signs at Wharton Plantation, Nashua River Rail Trail, and Town Forest. These are being purchased by a grant to the Nashua River Watershed Association and Paul F is working with Al Futterman (NRWA) on this project.

Question asked whether we have rights to mark trails in Harry Rich State Park. Paul F to follow up with Matt Amadon to determine.

Miscellaneous- Trailhead posts cost \$49.00. A question was asked whether we should treat them to extend their lifespan. Bob O. to investigate

## **Trail Projects Reports**

Skitapet - trail work completed on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Trails were cleaned up and the trail marking was completed.

Gibbet Hill - Cleared.

Bates Trail - Cleanup.

Bridges:

We discussed the draft document Kevin B prepared and the committee has agreed to review the draft and provide feedback in the next month.

Gibbet Hill bridge. Paul F and Olin L voiced their concern that we might lose the DCR grant if the bridge doesn't get completed in a timely fashion. Paul F and Olin L to follow up.

There are several other proposed bridge projects that were discussed. Bates-Blackman which includes a bridge and a bog bridge. Groton School trails would also require a bridge to bypass the beaver dam. We also need to determine steps required to finish the bridges at Groton Hills.

Baddacook Field - cutting, scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>. Request for volunteers to walk the field and search for turtles prior to cutting,

## **Discussion with Applicants for Open Seats**

We had 4 candidates come and discuss their willingness and desire to serve on the committee. We had 3 open positions for the committee.

Paul F provided the candidates with an overview of the roles, goals, and responsibilities of the committee and its members. He laid out the level of commitment expected from each of the members.

Paul Reilly  
John Ellenberger  
Pascal Miller  
Laura DeGroot

Each of the candidates spent a couple of minutes outlining their interests and skills they could bring to the committee.

The committee took a vote and selected Paul R, John E, and Laura D for the open positions. We thanked Pascal M for coming out and mentioned that other positions would likely become available in the not too distant future.

Paul F will submit the names to the Town Manager and the Select Board will approve the candidates. The candidates will be notified once they have been approved. Once that takes place they will be required to get sworn in by the Town Clerk.

### **Trail Naming**

Discussion around the naming of trails. It was agreed that everyone would prepare a list of names and submit them at the next meeting.

The naming of the trails also came up in a recent meeting between the Fire Chief and a group of volunteers who are looking to start a search and rescue mountain biking group. Trail names should help expedite searches.

### **Adjournment:**

**VOTE:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:05 PM.