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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****
July 16, 2019

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

Call to Order

Chair Funch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Reports/Old Business

Approval of June 2019 minutes

VOTE: Approved by unanimous vote

Election of Officers for FY20

VOTE: Paul Funch was unanimously reelected as Chair.

VOTE: Bob Ordemann was unanimously reelected as Vice Chair.

VOTE: Jason Remillard was unanimously elected as Secretary.

Guided hikes reports -

Olin Lathrop reported that the June 3, 2019 guided hike had 4 people who attended.

Sign reports

Olin Lathrop reported that no signs were installed because a post driver was not available.

VOTE: The Committee unanimously voted to approve the purchase of a post driver, with the price not to exceed \$100.

John Ellenberger presented a prototype small sign depicting a horse with a slash through it to indicate when a bridge isn't capable of safely holding the weight of a horse and rider. The committee discussed the design of the sign.

The committee also discussed how many signs are needed and concluded that 3 pairs (6 signs) were required.

Trail projects reports

North Orion Way trail has a tree down. Olin Lathrop volunteered to clear it.

The John Tinker Trail needed to be cleared. Paul Funch volunteered to clear it.

Gibbet Hill trail needed to be cleared. Wanfang Murray volunteered to clear it.

Laura DeGroot asked for suggestions on areas that need improved trail mapping. Paul Funch offered a tracking spreadsheet that has trails that are not yet blazed.

John Ellenberger volunteered to create a Google Drive folder for the committee's working documents.

Dog regulations/etiquette report - No new updates.

Social media report

Kiirja Paananen volunteered to keep helping with maintenance of the Facebook group.

Website and map reports - No update.

Boy Scout project updates

Bates Blackman bridge project was discussed.

Other reports/announcements - None.

Discussions

Kevin Barrett shared his preliminary work on a trail bridge construction guideline document.

Trail naming -

Paul Funch volunteered to contact NEFF and GCT about trail naming.

Olin Lathrop volunteered to contact GCC about trail naming.

Adjournment:

VOTE: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:07 PM.