



TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes **** **August 20, 2019**

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

Call to Order

Chair Funch called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
Minutes recorded by Wanfang Murray in Jason Remillard's absence.

Reports/Old Business

Approval of 16 July 2019 minutes - Meeting minutes were not yet available for review and approval.

Guided hikes reports - Groton Inn has not contacted us for fall walks. Olin Lathrop will schedule monthly hikes regardless.

Sign reports

John Ellenberger reported 4 trail head signs and 13 posts need to be installed. It takes about 15 minutes per post to install. The total cost is under 200 dollars.

Olin Lathrop purchased a Steel Post Pounder per vote at last meeting. . The post pounder weighs about 35 lbs. .

Trail projects reports

Middle School Cross Country Trail - Paul Funch, Wanfang Murray, and Russell Murray trimmed and mowed the path.

High School Cross Country Trail - Bob Ordemann and Stephen Legge will work with XC coach to identify the needs and lead the team to clear the path.

Johnston Conservation Area - Olin Lathrop enquired about the bridge condition. Wanfang Murray will follow up.

Crosswinds - Steve Legge reported that brush and yard waste was found near Squannacook Drive. He recommended putting a 'No Dumping' sign with Groton Conservation Commission signature.

Williams Barn - Paul Funch mowed the Bruce Clements trail.

J. Harry Rich State Forest - A trail working project will be scheduled on the 2nd week of September to clear the path.

Skitapet Trail - A short trail along Whitney pond needs to be blocked as it's on privately owned land.

Dog regulations/etiquette report - No new updates.

Social media report

John Ellenberger will set up events in Facebook. The upcoming events are: J. Harry Rich State Forest trail maintenance, Grotonfest, and Groton Town Forest Trail Races.

John Ellenberger will contact town on the feasibility to post public events on Town website.

John Ellenberger has setup a shared folder in Google Drive for reference materials and encourages everyone to update documents directly in the folder.

Website and map reports - No update.

Boy Scout project updates - No update.

Lawn Party for Trails - Anna Eliot has kindly offered a Trails Celebration Social get-together on September 14th 4-6pm.

Other reports/announcements - None.

Discussions

Grotonfest planning - The committee has agreed to support the event.

Trail naming - John Ellenberger has put the spreadsheet in the shared folder. Trails Committee members should update the sheet information directly to discuss in the next meeting.

2019 committee project priorities planning - no new updates.

Adjournment:

VOTE: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:35 PM.