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Groton Trails Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes **** **December 17, 2019**

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

Call to Order

Chair Funch called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Approval of November minutes

VOTE: Peregoy moved, Ordemann seconded, Lathrop abstained. Minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

Guided hikes reports

Funch has offered to lead 4 snowshoe hikes this winter in a class for the Prescott Community Center.

Lathrop's Dec 15 hike had 20 people in attendance.

Dog sign status

Ellenberger offered revisions to the dog sign for consideration by the Committee.

Trail projects report

Ordemann cleared several trees from the Town Forest.

Funch shared photos of the Bruce Easom-designed Gibbet Hill bridge being assembled.

Social Media

Ellenberger discussed sharing events with other groups.

Website and map report

No changes

Groton Conservation Forum planning

Ellenberger discussed his proposal to have the forum be used for working groups to discuss interesting topics.

Legge proposed that each of the 20 groups quickly talk about the strategic issues they are dealing with.

Lathrop proposed that a single person leads the planning for the meeting.

By show of hands, Committee decided to not have a keynote speaker at the forum.

Ellenberger volunteered to organize the working sessions after the group presentations. For the next meeting the Committee members will bring topics to discuss.

Squannacook Greenway update

Bruce Easom provided an update on the status of the Squannacook River Rail Trail and requested that the Trails Committee help with its construction. Legge proposed using the Trail Committee's volunteer list to enlist help for the trail construction.

Adjournment

VOTE: Funch moved, Lathrop seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.