** Monthly Meeting Minutes **

23 September 2013

Attendees:

Chairman: Paul Funch
Members: Russell Burke, Gineane Haberlin, Nadia Madden, Michael Roberts, Alan Taylor, Edward Wenzell

Visitors:

Jessica Wenzell (Recorder)

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Funch called the first meeting of the Groton Trails Vision Committee to order with the above Committee members present.

Discussions

1. **Purpose:** The group discussed the purpose of the committee:
   a) Help the Town of Groton – preserve quality of life by identifying what we want/need
   b) Connect with the regional trail plan – take advantage of Commonwealth funds, to the extent available
   c) Create an implementation plan – identify resource needs, set priorities (short, medium and long term), and suggest a timeline for implementation

2. **Vision/Goals:** The group brainstormed what our vision/goals are:
   a) Education related to our local history and fauna
   b) Connecting people and places in Groton (e.g. viewsheds) – support additional parking efforts
   c) Advertising what the Town already has in place
   d) Creating walkable communities for all people – of all ages and abilities; major roads should have safe passage for pedestrians
   e) Create health and recreation opportunities

3. **Homework:**
   a) Think of possible projects consistent with the ideas expressed at the meeting – short and long term; some ideas discussed included:
      • What can be incorporated into regional activities?
      • Identify points of interest – discrete or incorporated into trails
      • Old County Road options
      • Education plan on resources already available
      • Identification of cycling roads with signage

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 9:00 p.m.