



TOWN OF GROTON

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Groton Trails Vision Committee

**** Monthly Meeting Minutes ****

23 September 2013

Attendees:

Chairman	Paul Funch	X
Members:	Russell Burke	X
	Gineane Haberlin	X
	Nadia Madden	X
	Michael Roberts	X
	Alan Taylor	X
	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.