

## Notice of Meeting

**There will be a Special meeting of the Bluff Point to Preston Committee  
Tri-Town Trail Association  
on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 9 AM  
in the Groton Public Library on Route 117 in Groton CT.**

### Agenda

1. Sign in and call to order
2. Review of Minutes of April 19 2011 Meeting (see below)
3. Report of Officers and Committees
4. Report from Wayne Chiapperini and Chad Frost on Phase 1
5. Status of proposed legislation on liability
6. Next steps to obtain tax exempt status
7. Grant availability - CMAQ and others
8. Proposals for trail walk in June
9. Other comments and suggestions

Dave Holdridge

Committee members may be interested in this link [online@railstotrails.org](mailto:online@railstotrails.org)

### **BLUFF POINT TO PRESTON/TRI-TOWN TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Groton Public Library, Groton CT. April 19, 2011 7:30 PM

Attendance: Dave Holdridge, Barbara Kil, Allen Goulet, Joan Smith, Wayne Chiapperini, Sue Sutherland, John&Claire Bolduc, Kathy Spindler, Tom Jannke, Doug Wheeler, Bill Burling

Called to order 7:30 pm

Minutes from the Feb 22,2011 Meeting were read and approved with the following correction"Wayne Chiapperini does not have a key to the Mail Box at Ledyard Center PO and doesn't need one"

As follow up to the last meeting Dave spoke with Rep Reynolds, who said that the Legislation had already passed thru the Judiciary Committee. He will keep us updated.

Sarah Borch, Peter's daughter wrote a letter thanking the committee for their kind words and liked the idea of the Bench inscribed with Peter's name.

June Evered was not present but sent a note explaining that Groton Town Budget included \$25,000 for Trail improvement at the Copp Property. There were no specifics as to what these improvements would be.

Chad Frost also could not make the meeting tonight but he had made contact with Catherine Driscoll, from the CT DOT. She reported that our Trail is on their list, designated as having significance. She lives in New London; we hope to invite her to one of our Meetings.

Tom Jannke has been in touch with Joyce Brown at GPU about our next Guided Walk. We will request Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, hopefully the Mountain Laurel will be in bloom then. We will request that we walk the part of the trail that starts at the Old Stone House on Rte 117. and go up to the Copp Property. Tom will contact someone from the Waterford Hotel Group (Mystic Marriott)

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Wayne Chipparini received a **check from SECOG**, for \$3,500. Left in our account from the Dominion Donation and other donations. Wayne will open an account at Charter Oak Bank with Dave as the Joint signer. Wayne questioned whether we needed to file a 2010 Tax Return. The SECOG had not filed.

**Engineering Phase One**, nothing has really been done yet. It was suggested that we contact John Silsby at Groton Park and Rec about mowing the grass a little further in to designate a trail of sorts. Or could we just put up signs in the area on 117 where it meets North Road We need recommendations about purchasing signs, types and how to mount them.

Sue Sutherland reported that the Mort Wright Trail has been connected to Fish Town Road which connects Bluff Point to Beebe Pond. The significance of this is that the Town of Groton has been reviewing the bike plans and trails in Groton, and they are aware of our Tri Town Trail. Karen Parkinson did not attend so we do not have an update on our 501 c3 status.

**Other Comments and suggestions:**

Tom Jannke told us about the East Coast Greenway Alliance Bike Ride from New Haven to Simbury, on April 29<sup>th</sup> This is 48 mile portion is part of a 3000 mile ride from Maine to Florida.

Contact info Sandy Fry [sfry@crcog.org](mailto:sfry@crcog.org) or visit their website [www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org) .

This ride is promoting alternative transport in the capitol region.

**Notes for next meeting**

Will continue to follow State Legislation on liability

Check Groton Town budget for info on Copp Property

Wayne will continue to work on Phase One signs

Tom will contact GPU about June 11<sup>th</sup> Walk, will contact and Invite Marriott contact  
Dave will invite Catherine Driscoll DOT to attend our meeting and join walk June 11th

Adjourn 9:35 PM

Next meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> time and place tba

Submitted

Barbara Kil, Secretary