

Notice of Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Bluff Point to Preston Trail Committee (Tri Town Trail Assoc.)
on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 9:05 AM
in the Groton Public Library on Route 117 in Groton, CT

Agenda

1. Sign in and call to order
2. Review of minutes from October 24, 2011 meeting (see below)
3. Treasurers Report
4. Reports on Grant Applications, Communications, and Groton Utilities
5. Fund Raising efforts
6. Work on 501 c, 3 status
7. Other business
- 8 Adjournment

Dave Holdridge

Minutes

TRI TOWN TRAIL ASSOCIATION & BLUFF POINT TO PRESTON TRAIL COMMITTEE

October 25, 2011 Groton Public Library, Groton, CT 9:05 AM

Attendance

In Kind Hours

Barbara Kil	2 Hours Minutes, 2 Hrs. Committee Meeting
Tom Jannke	4 hours Meeting & research for Groton City Council Meeting
Allen Goulet	
Dave Holdridge	4 Hours Meetings & Letters to Groton City C
Joe Berardy	
Kathy Spindler	
Karen Parkinson	4 hours training grant proposal & 501.c3
Josh Parsons	
Joan Smith	
Wayne Chiapperini	1 hour treasurer report
Chad Frost	6 Hours Presentation Prep and Meeting

Report on the presentation to the Groton City Council:

Chad Frost and Dave Holdridge presented the Master Plan to the Groton City Council. Tom Jannke, Barbara Kil, Kathy Spindler and June Evered Attended.

The presentation seemed well received; a few questions were asked about maintaining the trails and who would pay for it. Several councilors requested more info, such as a breakdown of expenses for the trail construction, Security was also a question.

. It was agreed that Dave would send a personal note to each of the councilors thanking them for their attention and perhaps invite them on our next walk, Hopefully there is some way we can keep the conversation open.

Proposals for Fund Raising

Had a committee meeting last week about ideas on how we will raise the \$80,000 that is our share of the matching funds for Grants that Ledyard and Groton applied for. We will continue to track our In Kind Hours and collect information and applications for local community grants such as Dime Bank, Chelsea Groton Bank, Home Depot and Pfizer Matching Funds, Northeast Utilities. Everyone needs to be on the lookout for opportunities. Karen attended a workshop on how to write Grant Applications. She has a list of local grants. Joan Smith will give Karen the name of a lawyer from Salem that GOSA used to help them. We still need a lawyer to finish our 501.c3 application, Karen asked for authorization to spend up to \$1000 for a lawyer. Joan moved to authorize the spending of up to \$1000 and Al seconded, Wayne pointed out that we only have \$2000 left in our account. All voted in favor of the motion. Karen will try to keep it down as low as possible.

Other ideas included selling the trail by the foot; there were many suggestions about how to do that, i.e. listing names on mile markers, having larger markers for bigger donors. A kickoff event, perhaps at the Marriott in the spring would be a good idea. We need 3-4 people to organize. First we need to approach the Marriott and see if they would donate the room since they would benefit from this trail.

Reservoir Walk

Tom reported that we don't have a date for the walk yet.

Treasurer Report

Wayne paid \$29 for the Ledyard Post Office Box

Before the next Meeting

Dave will write to the Groton City Councilors

And contact Tom Reynolds and Speak to the Ledyard Town Council about negotiating with the GPU

The next meeting will be Nov. 29th the 5th Tuesday, there will be no Dec. Meeting

Adjourned: 10:20 am

Submitted by Barbara Kil Secretary