

**Pequot Woods Board of Trustees**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**October 17, 2004**

Minutes of that Meeting

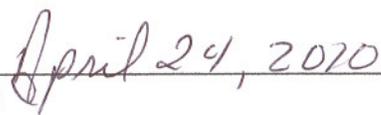
Present: B. Rafferty, N. Spillane, Charles Kroll, Dr. B.J. Ferguson, B. Roehl, Jenifer Roehl

1. Approval of the minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2003
2. A written report by the Town of Groton Parks and Forestry Division on Pequot Woods for the past year was discussed. The meeting began at the Pequot Woods parking lot and closed at the pond viewing site. The Board members that walked the paths that day found the trails in very good condition. Most of the maintenance requests from the following year had been completed, ie. Cleaning the spillway, replacing benches, lower trail clearing. A new side trail was noted that connected the new senior housing complex on Allen Street. The Board noted the continued high use of the trail system throughout the year by the car's parked at the Sandy Hollow Road entrance. The Board appreciated the Town's time and efforts to keep Pequot Woods an attractive open space destination.
3. Future work proposed.
  - a. Install and repair existing water bars for the steep part of the loop trail. Water run-off from Allen Street continues to deepen the ruts on the steep interior trail.
  - b. Replace trail bed at stone bridges between the parking lot and the pond viewing area. There is a low area near the water courses that cross the trail on their way to the pond. This low area was very wet to walk through. Years ago, wood chips had been used to improve the walking surface. Most of those chips have rotted away and presented a muddy substrate. The Board felt that this area of the trail could be covered with small stone as used in other areas. It would allow water to run through it, but be sufficiently thick enough to walk across even during wet periods.
4. The Board discussed changing the meeting time to another time of the year, but felt October has been the best time to meet. At Charles Kroll's suggestions, The Board agreed that next year's annual meeting, 2005, will meet at the Route 1 entrance to Pequot Woods rather than the parking lot on Sandy Hollow Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brae Rafferty, Chairman

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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