

Trails Coordinating Task Force

Thursday, July 25, 2013
4 PM – Groton Senior Center
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order. Chair Mark Berry called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

II. Roll Call.

Membership in Attendance: Joellen Anderson , Mark Berry, June Evered, Deb Jones, Debralyn Marshall-Baker, Bruce McDermott, Bea Reynolds, Joan Smith, Sue Sutherland.

Guests in Attendance: Bernie French, Gail Munn (Groton Conversation Commission).

Absent: A. Neil Brown, Diane Glemboski (Alternate member), Kirsten Hoyt, Eric Morrison,
Mike Murphy, Brae Rafferty, Heather Somers, Rick Steven, Sidney van Zandt.

III. Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2013.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2013, made by Bruce McDermott, seconded by Joan Smith.

Discussion. The following addition to the attendance to be included in the minutes of June 27, 2013:

“Absent: Diane Glemboski, Kirsten Hoyt, Eric Morrison, Mike Murphy, Brae Rafferty, Heather Somers, Rick Steven”.

The minutes were approved unanimously with the correction incorporated.

IV. Correspondence/Communication

Debbie Marshal-Baker reported that approval has been received from the Town for improvements on the Trolley Trail to Haley Farm. Drainage will be improved. The cul-de-sac entrance from Mumford Cove will be improved. The present spring gate will be replaced by bollards. Actual distance to be improved is less than ¼ mile. The State is providing money for materials and Groton Public Works will be doing the work.

V. Reports. None.

VI. Old Business.

- a. **Trail Advocacy.** Mark Berry reported that the signs project will start with placing the generic white and green Groton Trails signs. One of these signs will be placed at the start of each trail and also at critical intersections. The Town will make these signs. Additional information pertinent to individual trails can then be attached to the generic sign. Bruce McDermott suggested that signs indicating the



vicinity of nearby trail heads should also be placed on town roads. Bruce stated that such signs will increase awareness of our Groton trails for both the public and the RTM.

Some suggested numbers of signs were as follows:

Pequot Woods	3 signs (on Sandy Hollow Road)
Beebe Pond	2 signs
Copp	1 sign (on Route 184)
Mortimer Wright	2 signs
Trolley Trail	3 signs
Sparkle Lake	1 sign (this is also the Spicer trail)
Merritt Property & Cross Town Trail	3 signs
Sheep Farm	2 signs
Candlewood Ridge	2 signs (on Route 184)
Haley Farm	2 signs (on Route 215)

Permits to place signs on Town and State roads will need to be acquired. The signs will be made of aluminum and cannot be more than 3 ½ feet wide. Mark suggested that if we do the basic sign, we can add arrows in either direction.

b. **Tri-Town Trails.** Bea Reynolds will give a full report at our next meeting.

VII. New Business. None.

VIII. Next meeting – August 23, 2013 at 4 pm at the Groton Senior Center.

IX. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Joan Smith, seconded by Bruce McDermott.
Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.



Signature

8/22/13

Date