

# **Trails Coordinating Task Force**

Thursday, April 23, 2015

4:15 PM Water Pollution Control Facility

Meeting Minutes

## **I. Call to Order**

## **II. Attendance**

**Members in Attendance:** Joellen Anderson, Mark Berry, A. Neil Brown, Bernie French, Debralyn Marshall-Baker, Bruce McDermott, Carla Henschel, Eric Morrisson, June Evered (arrived at 4:30 pm)

**Alternates in Attendance:**

**Members Absent:** Denise Descheneaux, , Deb Jones, , Gail Munn, Brae Rafferty, Bea Reynolds, Joan Smith, Rick Stevens

**Guests in Attendance:**

## **II. Citizen's Petitions, Comments and Concerns**

None

## **III. Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2015**

Bruce McDermott motioned to accept the minutes as written. Joellen Anderson Seconded.

## **IV. Correspondence/Communication**

None

## **VI. Reports - Tabled for May Meeting**

**Avalonia**

Every year Avalonia does boundary reviews and for conservation easement. We upload into a GPS and walk the bounds. The Fishtown property bounds were recently done, and Avalonia had an event there that was well attended. Avalonia doing a children's program next Saturday.

Pequot Woods The flags set at Pequot Woods by the archeologist are being charted. Will forward a map of who they are for Parks and Recreation.

Mason's retreat in this area was made in dark and they lost many metal items which are awaiting excavation after having been located by metal detector.

Copp Property - None

Cross Town Trail - None  
GOSA - None  
Town Trails - None  
TriTown Trails - None

**VII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Trail Information Event - Tabled for May Meeting
- B. Short and Long Term Goals - Tabled for May Meeting
- C. Advocacy Projects - Tabled for May Meeting

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant**

Discussion of proposals presented by Mark Berry. The NWF grant Provides grants for different programs, office and field equipment and public education materials.

Two options:

1) How can we count number of people on our trails?

Trafx-infrared trails counters – will count the beam breaks and will tell you the average on a daily, hourly, weekly, monthly and yearly totals. Cost for three units and one docking station cables, software \$2,245 for package. This could be used by multiple trail organizations.

2): The other option – a grant to publish a trail guide. Could have the application come through the Groton Parks Foundation. According to website – most grants awarded are around \$2,500.00.

**B. Walk of G&S Trolley Trail (weather dependent)**

Walk of G&S Trolley Trail to followed the adjournment of indoor meeting.

**C. Joellen brought up "Walk with a Doctor".** Town of Groton Human Resources (Risk Management) was approached regarding this possibility. They said "No Doctor on our property – too risky if something happens". Perhaps Ledge Light Health District can help sponsor.

**IX. Next meeting – May 28, 2015, 4 pm Groton Senior Center**

Neil Brown moved to adjourn meeting. Bernie French seconded.

**X. Adjournment**

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature

Date

3/28/2015