

**Ninigret Park Trails Subcommittee**  
**Approved Minutes - April 7, 2017**  
Charlestown Town Hall – Annex Room  
4540 South County Trail  
Charlestown, RI 02813

Chairperson Holly Eaves called meeting to order 4:02 PM

**Present:**

Cody Clarkin, Keith DeMerchant, Holly Eaves, Jonathan Hammett, Bill Wilson

**Absent:**

All Present

Chairman Holly Eaves declared a quorum was present.

**Guests:**

None

**Town Staff:**

Vicky Hilton – Present, Bonnie Van Slyke - Absent

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the 10.17.2016 meeting were reviewed.

Bill Wilson moved to accept the minutes Keith DeMerchant seconded, committee unanimously approved the minutes.

**Old Business:**

Discuss Trails in Ninigret Part – Holly Eaves

Due to the number of new members on the committee Holly described in detail the history of the NPTS and progress made to date. A map of potential trail options was distributed.

Type of trail was discussed: Primitive vs Professionally Designed

Use of trail was discussed: Walking vs Organized Running Events

Finance was discussed: Phasing in project vs Design and Town Council funding

Use of existing trails vs Constructing new trails

**New Business:**

Dates for Meeting with Tom Fortier – The committee wishes to make a criteria list for the trail, how long, type of use, points of interest, location, etc. Holly recommended the committee hire a local expert on trails, Tom Fortier, and moved that we schedule a meeting to discuss trail options and points of interest. The committee approved and Vicky volunteered to schedule the meeting.

Primitive trails are created and maintained on Town Land by the Conservation Committee. Bill Wilson volunteered to contact the CC to learn their process for creating and maintaining trails.

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Trail map Phase 3 loop goes near a protected park areas, it was suggested that Steve be contacted to review Phase 3 and make recommendations as how that trail could be designed to avoid sensitive areas of the park.

Meeting times and dates were discussed. In general, the members felt that 4 PM was a good time for meetings and that weekdays are preferable.

The next meeting will be held when Vicky is able to schedule our meeting with Tom Fortier.

**Adjourn:**

Holly Eaves motioned to adjourn and Johnathan Hammett seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*William H. Wilson*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ as written  
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