

# **Squannacook Greenways, Inc.**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2013**

### **Attending:**

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Bob Hargraves, Ray Jackson, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Rollin Willis, Joan Wotkowicz

### **Meeting with MA legislators**

Peter Cunningham reported on a positive meeting with representation from the offices of Senators Donoghue and Flanagan and Representative Harrington.

They voiced their continued support and agreed to file legislation to amend the Resor Act to include non-profits. They discussed the prevailing wage issue and expressed interest in attending our next meeting with DCR.

Bill Rideout pointed out that we can submit a question about prevailing wage to the Department of Labor to solicit their interpretation. We decided not to pursue this route until we obtain an opinion from DCR.

Rolland Willis offered to request a legal opinion from a labor lawyer.

Peter Cunningham will set up a meeting with DCR.

### **Meeting with Local Contractor**

Bill Rideout reported on his meeting with Gary Shepherd to discuss the construction contract and prevailing wage.

Mark Cram pointed out that Iron Horse claims that DCR's requirement for prevailing wage does not apply to their volunteer approach.

### **Community Foundation of North Central MA**

A two-page concept paper is due on Jan. 25. John Barrett advised that grants are limited to \$20,000. Bill Rideout, Steve Meehan, and Joan

Wotkowicz agreed to meet and develop our grant application strategy.

### **Abutter Outreach**

We began strategizing for meetings with abutters immediately following our meeting with DCR.

### **Corporate Business**

Directors signed Conflict of Interest statements.

Bill Rideout distributed the 2012 Financial Report.

Before we can change the names of people who have check signing authority, Bill needs to bring a copy of our minutes to Workers Credit Union.

We continued to brainstorm ideas for potential recruits for our Board of Directors.

Minutes from our Dec. 19, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously as amended, with two abstentions.

### **Rails to Trails Conservancy**

Bill shared the response he received from this group when he asked about their experience with Blanding's turtles.

### **Next Meeting**

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at the Groton Public Library.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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