

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2013

Attending:

Mark Cram, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Bob Hargraves, Ray Jackson, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

DCR Meeting Report

Bill Rideout, Steve Meehan, Bruce Easom, and Peter Cunningham met again with Commissioner Lambert on March 19. They summarized the outcome as presenting a path forward, but one that is more difficult.

Two issues that must be addressed are prevailing wage and a commitment from Townsend for maintenance if our group fails.

Bill Rideout has written a description of our position on prevailing wage and will get an opinion from the MA Department of Labor. Even if the opinion falls in our favor, the Commissioner may opt not to embrace it.

One suggestion for addressing the maintenance issue is a performance bond. Bruce Easom and other will research costs for trail maintenance in order to estimate the performance bond amount.

Bob Hargraves will contact Representative Sheila Harrington to help move along the Resor Amendment.

Grant Application

Our application to the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts is written and being reviewed. Since we don't have a draft agreement yet from DCR, we will attach a copy of our most recent letter from the Commissioner.

Directors Insurance

Bill Rideout distributed an example of an insurance application by email. The purpose of the insurance is to protect our Board of Directors from lawsuit.

Bill will submit a request for quote to Scott Foster Insurance in Leominster, the same company used by NRWA. We will need insurance coverage before we begin abutter outreach.

Abutter Outreach

Tabled until we are closer to an agreement with DCR.

Next Newsletter

Also tabled until we have more good news to report.

Fitchburg Trail Update & Visitor Guide Meeting

Al Futterman will attend the April 4 meeting and does not think we need additional representation.

MA Trails Conference

Registration is now open to the event at Devens Conference Center. Registration fee is \$25. Several of our members who attended last year reported that the conference was worthwhile.

Other Corporate Business

Minutes of our February 13, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, April 24** at 7:00 P.M. at the **NRWA**.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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