

# Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2013

### Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Ray Jackson, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

### Guests:

Joe Hatstrup and Sue Railton,  
Iron Horse Preservation Society

### Visitors from Iron Horse

Group members introduced themselves to our Iron Horse guests. Joe Hatstrup gave some background on their organization and described their local projects. He stated that prevailing wage would not significantly impact the job he could do for us.

He offered to be part of the Natural Heritage and Conservation Commissions process and advised that we develop good relations early in the project.

He also said that Iron Horse has the contractor insurance required by the MBTA lease.

### Prevailing Wage

We discussed the pros and cons of the Iron Horse option in regards to prevailing wage.

#### Pros:

- Closes a negotiating point with DCR.
- Opens fund-raising possibilities (Groton CPA, DCR Recreational Trails Program, etc.)
- Increases our budgeting options

#### Cons:

- Leaves us with only one bidder
- Sets precedent for future phases

### DCR Negotiations

Peter Cunningham will request another meeting with Commissioner Lambert. We agreed that legislators should attend if possible.

Our primary approach will be to present our findings from the Bureau of Labor and our budget calculations in support of the non-prevailing wage option.

If this option meets resistance, our backup is the Iron Horse approach, which includes prevailing wage.

Regarding long-term maintenance, we will present Bill Rideout's calculations for an endowment fund.

### Local Events

Peter Cunningham will represent us at Groton River Fest on June 23.

We gained 21 new email sign-ups from visitors to our table at Townsend Earth Day. We now have 300+ email addresses and 100+ FaceBook friends.

### Other Business

Minutes of our April 24, 2013 meeting were accepted unanimously with one abstention.

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### Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Nashua River Watershed Association.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz  
Clerk

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