

# Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2013

### Attending:

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

Meeting moved to Groton Town Hall.

### Moving Together Conference

Peter Cunningham and Bill Rideout will attend the conference next Wednesday in Boston. Bill expects there will be representation from DCR, MA DOT, MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, engineering firms involved with rail trails, Wachusett Greenway, Iron Horse, and attorney Steve Winslow.

### DCR Update

DCR Legal Counsel Tom LaRosa explained his strategy in an email to Peter Cunningham. Since DCR cannot legally sign a sub-lease, Tom has proposed the following process to MA DOT:

1. MA DOT will enter into the lease with MBTA.
2. MA DOT will enter into an agreement with Squannacook Greenways.
3. DOT will then turn the lease over to DCR.

Tom reported that he met with MA DOT and MBTA/Transit Realty and said the meeting went well. DOT will consult their legal counsel.

### Fund Raising Plans

Bill will contact the group who purchased Mt. Watatic and Carolyn Sellars who founded the Townsend Library Endowment to ask for their recommendations.

Bill suggested we explain our two budget options to Gary Shepherd and ask if he agrees with our estimate or if he will provide a different estimate. He offered to contact Gary.

If we decide on the prevailing wage option instead of working with Gary, we can use public funding for construction and we might have time to apply for the next DCR Recreational Trails Grant.

### Membership Subcommittee

Steve Meehan recommend we activate the membership subcommittee. As Joan Wotkowicz is the only current subcommittee member, Steve and Peter Carson offered to help out.

Peter will look into software packages for non-profit membership management. The committee agreed to correspond via email rather than schedule a meeting.

### Permitting Plans

Bruce Easom researched the 100 ft. and 200 ft. buffer zones in Groton and reported that we are more than 200 ft away from the river.

When he began looking at Townsend's wetland delineation, he found that the windiness of the river complicates the delineation. He needs additional time to continue his research.

### Abutter Outreach

Steve Meehan requested feedback on the draft letter he circulated.

PLEASE REVIEW THE DRAFT LETTER TO ABUTTERS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS.

### Other Business

*Financial Report* - Bill Rideout reported no major developments. He filed the MA Secretary of State report and paid the \$18.50 fee. We also spent \$75 for Moving Together conference.

*Environmental Insurance Legislation* - On hold until next meeting when Peter Cunningham is in attendance.

*Meeting minutes* - Minutes of September 19, 2013 meeting with one correction were approved unanimously with one abstention.

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### **Next Meeting**

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Thursday, November 21** at 7:00 the NRWA.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

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