

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2014

Attending:

Mark Cram, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Ray Jackson, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Election of Board

The following individuals from our Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected:

- Bill Rideout for term to expire Sept 2016
- Steve Meehan, Pete Carson, Ray Jackson, and Bruce Easom for terms to expire Sept 2017

The rest of the board positions expire in Sept 2015.

Conflict of Interest Policy

All attendees signed the policy.

Financial Report

A motion to reimburse Bill Rideout \$18.50 for MA Secretary of State filing passed unanimously.

Our current balance is \$25, 685.93.

Meeting with Townsend Historical Society Board of Directors

Bill Rideout reviewed a meeting he attended on October 30 to review our agreement over a recorded easement through Historical Society property. He discussed liability insurance with them, while reviewing with them that we are both covered by the Massachusetts recreational use statute.

The Society would like us to apply a surface at the edge of their parking lot that looks different,

so drivers can identify it as the rail trail route. They also asked for details about the planned sidewalk in Townsend Harbor.

Clinton Land Trust Meeting

Bill represented our rail trail in a co-presentation with Colleen Abrams from Wachusett Greenways.

MBTA Draft Lease

MBTA review of the draft lease is expected to take about a month. We did not recommend any changes, which should help to expedite. After we sign, we will return the lease to MBTA for their signature.

As MBTA now has the lease from the realty company, Bill suggested we contact Mark Boyle of the MBTA directly to inquire about timing. WE discussed the idea of a publicity photo with the MBTA at the signing.

The realty company has sent a Cease and Desist letter regarding encroachment.

Publicity/Fundraising

Bill spoke with Darcy Donald of Friends of Nashua River Rail Trail about fundraising. She gave suggestions but cannot join our group. Bill plans to speak with Linda Mack from Townsend.

Al Futterman reached out to three people associated with the Trustees of Reservations.

Joan Wotkowicz presented quotes from three graphic artists for designing our fundraising campaign flyer. She will get a written quote from Julia Egan. We decided to wait to have our copy evaluated before proceeding.

Bill will send around a case statement from the campaign for Mt. Watatic.

Upcoming Conferences and Events

Four people from our group will attend the DCR Trails Conference this Saturday.

Review of Meeting Minutes

We approved the minutes of our October 1, 2004 meeting with five in favor and one abstention.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, December 10** at the **NRWA**.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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