

# Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017

Attending:

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

### **Financial report / Buy-a-Brick campaign**

We sold 55 bricks in December for total of 133 bricks and \$17,500 in the campaign. We ended 2016 with a balance of \$75,666 (\$84K including pledges).

Bill followed up the brick campaign with Mark's idea of signing up for Amazon Smile. Bill will send out an email announcement.

We will remove any Buy-a-Brick flyers that are still at town locations.

### **Grant activity**

Bill is working on a rough draft for the Bruce J. Anderson grant which is due February 3. Joan will finish up next weekend.

Bill would like to do a membership drive this year and include some recognition gifts such as a car decal.

### **Complete Streets program**

Steve looked into eligibility for this Massachusetts grant program and found out it's intended for municipalities. Peter Cunningham is also inquiring about eligibility for a non-profit.

### **Permitting**

No activity over the past month. The next step will be to develop the documentation for our project notification form to Natural Heritage.

### **Updates on Townsend Historical Society/other abutter activity**

Bill will meet with the historical society at their March board meeting and discuss our plans for passing through their parking lot.

### **Past and future events / other publicity and outreach**

Earth Day on April 22 will be our next public event. Mark signed us for a booth and we'll also do another clean-up.

We'll also schedule a work day or Eagle Scout project for bridge re-planking in Townsend Harbor, even though the trail will route away from the rail near South Street.

Ray described a meeting he attended on a proposed walking trail from Walden Pond to Mt. Wachusett.

### **Review of meeting minutes**

Minutes from December 14, 2016 were approved unanimously with one abstention.

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### **Next Meeting**

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Groton Legion**.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

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