

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017

In attendance:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Guest: Veronica Kell, Townsend Land Trust

MONTHLY MEETING

Plan for event with Townsend Land Trust

Veronica Kell described her idea for a family trail walk involving the boy scouts, girl scouts, Townsend Historical Society, Squannacook Greenways, and the Townsend Land Trust. The hike will highlight some of the available properties in Townsend for walking, including the Meeting House Park.

The tentative date will be New Years Day.

We may need a car shuttle for the Rt. 119 crossing between Greely Road and Meetinghouse Road. We could also shuttle people from the parking lot in the center of town to the cul-de-sac on Old Meetinghouse Road.

We will ask the scouts to have refreshments at Harbor Church and/or at Old Meeting House Road.

Veronica will discuss the idea with the Land Trust, Historical Society, and scouts.

Plan for fall trail walk with Wild & Scenic River

Al Futterman and Bill Wilkinson of the Wild & Scenic River study committee are interested in working with us on a trail walk. We will meet at Bertozzi and bring people out to the river there.

Joan will contact Al and Bill to schedule for Sunday, November 12th (rain or shine). Bill will post a video on our Facebook page to advertise the walk as an opportunity to learn about Wild & Scenic River and walk the rail trail. Joan will ask Al to include the event in the NRWA newsletter.

Joan, Steve, Bill, Pete Carson, and Don Klein agreed to help out.

Update on property appraisal and acquisition

Joan met with Jim Czupryna, a Massachusetts certified appraiser, and obtained a written quote of \$2,300 for consulting on the 1.3 acre parcel. The appraisal will meet requirements for a DCR grant application.

We decided to get a standard appraisal first. A vote to authorize up to \$600 for a standard appraisal was seconded and passed unanimously.

Status of environmental permit application

Harbor Village has given written permission for construction access and Historical Society has given us a draft easement. These should be suitable for our draft application, but may not be adequate for the final.

Mark will add Meeting House Road to the map as a fall-back access point.

Plans for Townsend Business Association annual meeting

Bill and Steve will address the group at their annual meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 6:00-8:00.

Fundraising and financial report

Four businesses gave donations in response to a letter Bill sent. Our total assets are currently at \$116K.

Review of meeting minutes

A motion to accept the corrected minutes of our September 13, 2017 meeting was seconded and passed unanimously with one abstention.

ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Directors

Steve Meehan, Pete Carson, Ray Jackson, and Bruce Easom were elected for a new three year term. The new terms of our Board of Directors are:

Director	Term Expires
Mark Cram	September 2018
Peter Cunningham	September 2018
Don Klein	September 2018
Cedwyn Morgan	September 2018
Joan Wotkowicz	September 2018
Bill Rideout	September 2019
Pete Carson	September 2020
Bruce Easom	September 2020
Ray Jackson	September 2020
Steve Meehan	September 2020

Election of Officers

The following officers were re-elected for a one-year term.

Officers	
President	Steve Meehan
Vice President	Peter Cunningham
Treasurer	Bill Rideout
Clerk	Joan Wotkowicz

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, November 29** at 7:00 P.M. at the Groton Legion Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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