

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Attending:

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

Townsend NOI status and next steps

The wetland delineation is finished and we are waiting for Stan Dillis to finish the parking and erosion remediation plan.

Don suggested we get our NOI into the commission as soon as possible to allow lead time in case they have additional requirements.

We need to verify if Peter is writing the NOI. We can attach the Groton Order of Conditions when we file.

Construction plans

Peter Cunningham reported via email that Stan Dillis is working on plans for the fisherman parking lot and the washout section. He gave us a price of \$1,800. Mark met with Stan at the parking lot and discussed ways to drain water.

Joan will forward Stan information on requirements for handicapped parking.

Steve has collected samples of RFPs for similar projects, including one from Steve Winslow and one from DCR. He also asked Colleen Abrams and others for examples.

Review of Groton Conservation Forum

Steve, Ray, Bruce, and Joan attended. Paul Catanzaro from University of Massachusetts gave a talk about forest resiliency. There was a lot of conversation about problems with dogs.

Update on Townsend Complete Streets

Bill is on the Master Plan Committee, which supports pedestrian-friendly streets. Townsend's Complete Streets application did not win funding in the latest round.

Review of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy webinar on signage

Joan attended the webinar and picked up some ideas for design consistency, branding, etc. She will try to find out how Mason Rail Trail made their signs.

Plans for Townsend Earth Day

The event will be on April 27 (the Saturday after Easter).

Bill prepared a flyer for an ecumenical cleanup from the center of Townsend to Harbor Church from 9:30 to 11:00. We agreed that Squannacook Greenways would be a co-sponsor.

Joan will ask her husband to bring his truck and trailer to pick up trash bags around 11:00.

Joan and Bill will update our flyer. We will try to build support for upcoming workdays, including installing wattles. Bill will ask Dave Paulson to advise when we could start placing wattles.

The area behind Harbor Village shopping center has a lot of litter. We discussed the idea of informing the individual stores that we will be cleaning up around their dumpsters and asking if we can return the trash to their dumpsters. This might open dialog about being more careful about using dumpsters and helping us to keep the area clean.

Signage

Joan and Pete Carson will select locations for No Motorized Vehicles signs and begin installing once the snow starts to clear and more people start walking the trail.

IRS tax filing for fiscal year 2018

Bill completed our filings and circulated by email for review. A motion to accept the form 990 was seconded and passed unanimously.

Fundraising and financial report

Bill reported that we have about \$118,000 cash on hand.

Review of meeting minutes

A motion to accept the minutes from February 13, 2019 was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** at 7:00 PM the **Groton Legion**.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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