

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2015

Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman (via teleconference), Ray Jackson, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Review of meeting with Townsend BOS March 10

Steve and Bill gave the Board of Selectmen an update on our progress. BOS is positive about the sidewalk and Andy Sheehan will initiate activity on design. Sue Lisio invited us to announce events through their office.

Bill will ask Andy Sheehan about a painted crosswalk on South St.

Additional insurance requirements of MBTA lease

MBTA's realty group inquired about our status per Section 6.3 of the lease, which requires commercial/general liability insurance. Bill obtained an estimate of \$500-\$1,000 per year. This covers the MBTA from liability, which our Board of Directors insurance does not cover.

Bill will get a quote.

Discussion with Sue Lisio

Sue Lisio is still willing to assist us in meeting with abutters, but will do it as a private citizen, not as a Selectman.

Before we speak with abutters, we should speak with police regarding rumors of events on the Nashua River Rail Trail.

CFNCM status / donation website

Bill and Joan reported that selecting our fund is a multi-step process on the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts web site:

1. Browse to <http://www.cfncm.org>.
2. Click "Donate"
3. On the Donate Online page, fill out the personal information.
4. Under "Please direct my Gift to:" select "Specific Fund"
5. After the Search Funds field loads, click "Select a Fund" and select *Squannacook Greenways Fund* from the drop-down list. (You can also type "Sq" to search funds and the list will contain only our fund.)

PeopleForBikes grant application

Joan will submit the grant application this Friday. Announcement of grant awards is scheduled for May 31.

Encroachment status discussion

(Executive session.)

Meeting with Fisheries and Wildlife

Bruce, Mark, Cedwyn met with F&W at their Ayer office to update them on our status, including a map review. Pat Huckaree urged us to talk with Natural Heritage in Westboro sooner rather than later.

Bruce brought up a public easement at Bertozzi for discussion. He also brought up parking along the railroad right of way as opposed to the Bertozzi parking lot.

Pat is particularly interested in the crossing with Meetinghouse Road in Townsend, which may be turtle habitat.

Bill pointed out that the group in Townsend of Emily Norton, Jennifer Petit, and Darcy Donald (also Julie Lisk, Paula Terrassi in Pepperell) is involved in turtle protection. He suggested we confer with them before meeting with Natural Heritage.

Al will try to arrange a meeting with local turtle advocates and our permitting subcommittee.

Capital campaign flyer

A motion to pay Julia Egan \$200 for design services was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion to authorize up to \$200 in printing and materials for fundraising was seconded and passed unanimously.

Financial report

Bill reported \$27,704.66 in our account.

Review of meeting minutes from March 3, 2015

Approved unanimously with one correction and one abstention.

Reminder: Townsend Earth Day April 25

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Tuesday, April 28** at the **NRWA**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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