

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Al Futterman, Ray Jackson, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Guest: Paul Sebring

Rail Trail Clean-Up

The clean-up is planned for Saturday, April 23 to coincide with Townsend's Earth Day. Bill sent out a newsletter and posted the event on Facebook.

Don will locate near Shepherd's, Paul on Depot St., Mark at Harbor Church for trash pickup. Bill distributed banners, pink trash bags, and liability release forms for each station. We will also distribute Buy-a-Brick flyers.

Bill will circulate between stations and the town common. Drivers should exchange cell phone numbers and deliver collected trash to the Townsend Recycle Center before 2:00.

Townsend Earth Day

Cheryl Rideout, Steve, and Joan will run the booth on Saturday, April 23. Mark will bring the gear to the common around 8:30 to set up. Joan will bring flyers.

Groton River Festival Sunday

Scheduled for Sunday, June 19. Pete Carson will confer with Pete Cunningham about hosting a table.

Discussions with Fisheries and Wildlife about Parking near Bertozzi

Our small group is planning to meet with Pat Huckery to discuss a parking lot along the rail trail at Bertozzi.

Permit for Trail Clearing

Townsend Conservation Commission granted us a permit for clearing 0.3 miles of trail in Townsend Harbor that currently is not passable. Bill will redraft a letter informing abutters of upcoming trail work and circulate for review. Joan will print the 12 letters and envelopes for mailing.

Capital Campaign/Buy-a-Brick Campaign

Bill redesigned our web site, which is now mobile-friendly and has Donate pages with links throughout. We've already sold 6-7 bricks.

We unanimously approved \$150 to reimburse Bill for a brick he purchased for someone else.

We also approved up to \$40 for social media advertising.

Bill would like to put up a "Coming Soon" sign on Depot St. with the URL to Buy-a-Brick. Don noted we should check with the Building Inspector about regulations for signage.

Financial Report

Bill distributed the latest financial report, which shows new activity from buying bricks.

He reported on a new quote of \$1,334 for insurance, including additional umbrella insurance, as opposed to \$7,000 that we paid last year.

Our Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts investments are now in short-term funds.

Bill shared the login credentials for our financial accounts with Joan, so we will have redundancy.

Abutters/ Encroachment

Steve received a request to investigate flooding near a culvert along the trail. Steve, Mark, and

Ray will meet at the location to discuss with the abutter.

Iron Horse

Mark conferred with Iron Horse about the varying rail sizes, which affects the estimated salvage value. Iron Horse will walk the trail and re-inventory.

Hannaford's Supermarket

Bill received an inquiry from Hannaford's to apply as a non-profit to earn \$1 for each reusable shopping bag. Steve and Bill will schedule a discussion with the store manager to develop a good relationship.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the revised meeting minutes from March 16, 2016 was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **NRWA**.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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