

# Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

### Attending:

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

### Permitting / parking / consultation with Land Use Committees

Bruce and Cedwyn updated the group via email about their meeting with Dave Paulson. We need to resolve any remaining issues before filing with Natural Heritage and provide specifics about any areas that will need work. The plan should specify that work will be done in winter or else we must meet additional requirements for turtle habitat. We need to apply for one approval and not do any cutting before then.

Our next steps will be to finalize the remaining construction parameters and then fill out the form to submit a draft MEPA plan.

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

Our approach to defining the route through the Harbor Church parking lot will be to apply bark mulch as a temporary surface until construction.

Steve suggested we explore a way to prevent people from crossing the bridges near South Street. As an alternative to posting signs, we could repair the decking. Mark suggested this might be an Eagle Scout project.

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

Peter Cunningham attended the Fitchburg multi-use trail meeting.

Bill suggested that spring activities include a work day at the Harbor Church, a clean-up, and trail walks.

Steve talked to Planet Fitness about a collaborative map or activities but did not get an enthusiastic response.

### Grant activity

We were not invited to submit a full grant application for the Community Foundation Health grant.

Bruce J. Anderson grant has not opened yet.

Peter Cunningham pointed out that Groton adopted the Smart Streets program to enhance pedestrian safety. He will try to have our trail identified as a priority.

Steve will inquire if Townsend is pursuing this program.

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

We currently have over \$69K in our budget and have sold 80 bricks. We had increased brick sales in Groton and a few in Ashby.

### Review of meeting minutes

A motion to accept the minutes from our meeting on November 16, 2016 was seconded and approved unanimously.

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### Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Groton Legion.**

**Christmas Get-Together - Tuesday, December 20 at Bailey's Restaurant in Townsend at 7:30 PM.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk, Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

