

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2012

This was a special meeting of the Board of Directors to address new information about sidewalk construction in Townsend Harbor.

Attending:

Mark Cram, Bruce Easom, Chris Leitao, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Townsend Harbor Sidewalk

Mark Cram learned from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) that Route 119 improvement is not on Mass Highway's TIP list, as we previously believed, and therefore the Townsend Harbor sidewalk is not scheduled for construction.

Peter Cunningham spoke with Anne Sullivan at Mass Highway to discuss alternative approaches to the sidewalk project and plan for a site tour.

Bill Rideout will inform Town Administrator Andy Sheehan of the new developments.

Meetings with Townsend Police and Fire/EMS

Bill Rideout and Steve Meehan met with Townsend Police Chief Erving Marshall and presented a draft letter as required by DCR. Chief Marshall approved the letter with edits but expressed a preference for attending the Selectmen's meeting in person.

Chief Marshall noted that his research shows most rail trail emergency calls are medical, rather than crime related, and recommended that Bill and Steve speak to Fire and EMS Chief Donald Klein.

Chief Klein voiced no issues with the letter and also offered to attend the Selectmen's meeting.

Preparations for Townsend Board of Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, October 23

Townsend Selectman Robert Plamonden informed us that the October 23 meeting will be open for public comment.

All Townsend board members please encourage 3-5 supporters to attend!

Families with young people would be especially helpful. Also, it's not too late for additional letters to the Selectmen.

Bill Rideout and Joan Wotkowicz will work on a second newsletter, targeted for the Tuesday prior to the meeting.

Joan will try to print copies of the newsletters to use as handouts for people who may not have received our emails.

Board of Director Resignation

Alfred Gadway submitted written notice of his resignation, as he and his family have moved to Acton. Squannacook Greenways now has a vacancy on our Board.

Per our bylaws, nominations may be sent to the Clerk two weeks before the next Board meeting.

Alfred has nominated Chris Leitao.

Additional Business

Al Futterman set up a meeting with Pat Huckaree of MA Fish & Wildlife to review our plans and inquire into issues they anticipate.

Bruce Easom discovered an easement to MBTA land within the Bertozzi parcel. He will try to determine the owner.

Bruce also noted that we may have an opportunity to move the gate in Bertozzi so that it blocks vehicle access to the rail trail toward the south.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Thursday, October 18** at 7:00 p.m. at the Nashua River Watershed Association

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk, Squannacook Greenways, Inc.