

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2017

Attending:

Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Mark Cram, Don Klein, Cedwyn Morgan, Ray Jackson and Peter Cunningham.

The meeting was convened at 7:05 PM by President Meehan. Mr. Jackson raised a concern about lack of cookies. Mr. Rideout promptly threw his grandchildren under the bus who were visiting the home and had distracted his wife, Cheryl, from her cookie making. Cedwyn did bring pretzels.

Permitting:

Access issues were discussed. We are still awaiting a letter from the Townsend Historical Society granting access across their property in the Harbor area. Bill will be following up with them. There is also a possible access point via an old cart path that is adjacent to the area where fisherman park on the Shepherd property. Bill is planning to reach out to Gary Shepherd about this. There was also discussion about a preferable access point being from the Harbor Village shopping center. Steve is going to follow up with the management company for the center.

Mark mentioned that he has been trying to connect with Iron Horse about the cost of just removing the rails. He'll report back at our next meeting.

Buy-a-brick campaign:

Bill said the order for the bricks has been submitted and they will be delivered to Paul & Joan's house for storage until the time for installation.

Financial report/Fundraising:

There was no formal report this month, but the account is plus \$10,000 due to the successful Bruce J. Anderson application. Appreciation was expressed by all for Joan's work on this grant.

Outreach to local businesses was discussed in soliciting their purchase of granite markers.

A general membership drive was also discussed as a way to generate income.

Motorized vehicles:

Turtle advocates have reached out to Squannacook Greenways over concerns of motorized vehicle traffic on the trail and turtle mortality. It was noted that this problem predates S.G.'s easement lease and is somewhat beyond our control. There was further discussion about the effectiveness of signage even though there would be signs excluding m.v.'s. At some point it may be necessary to involve the DCR Environmental Police to do spot enforcement thereby getting

the word out to the m.v. users that the SRRT is not open to m.v.'s as well as the adjacent state forest.

Minutes, 6/14/17:

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the meeting minutes from 6/14/17. Motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Six members voted yes with Mr. Morgan abstaining since he was not present for the 6/14 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Next month's meeting will be on August 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Legion Hall in Groton.