

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2016

Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Ray Jackson, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Updates on permitting and parking

Cedwyn and Bruce met with Pat Huckery and two associates at Fisheries and Wildlife this morning at Bertozzi. We clarified our desire for parking; Pat's concerns include inadequate parking for sportsmen, to which we explained that we can easily expand.

The group discussed several alternatives for parking, including some that would be outside of the bio-mapped areas. Pat also inquired about our permitting status.

Bruce will send a follow-up note of thanks to Pat.

Bruce and Cedwyn will prepare to consult with Dave Paulson of Fisheries and Wildlife to understand the next steps for permitting. We also need to find out if receiving funds from DCR triggers a MEPA filing.

Updates on trail clearing

The Boy Scouts have been clearing the trail in Townsend center. The Conservation Commission cleared us for work in this area as it is not near wetland. We will postpone any additional trail clearing until we clarify the permitting requirements.

Review of past events

Our public trail walk on June 11 was well-attended. Steve staffed a table at the Groton River Festival on June 19.

Updates on abutter outreach

Steve reported on several meetings with abutters. He also met with the new Townsend Police Chief Eaton, who was very enthusiastic.

Bill will schedule a meeting with the manager at Hannaford's about their "bags for sale" program.

Steve will set up a meeting with Patriot Pizza.

Townsend Historical Society sent us a letter about a kiosk behind the Harbor Church. We removed the sign Mark had made. Bill will try to attend a board meeting of the Historical Society to get clarification.

Planning for trail walks and other events

Groups have contacted us about doing joint walks. We will organize events with Connecting Communities, NRWA, Townsend Couples Club, and Townsend Land Use.

Financial report

We made more than \$12K since last meeting, including and \$10K from Bruce J. Anderson.

Our current budget is over \$57K.

Capital campaign and Buy-a-Brick campaign

Bill would like to do a town-wide mailing to sell more bricks. The mailing would cost about \$3,300 and would need to sell 33 bricks to break even. We would accept checks to make it easier for donors.

Review of meeting minutes from June 8, 2016

A motion to accept the minutes was seconded and approved unanimously with one abstention.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, September 21** at the **Groton Town Hall**, second floor meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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