

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Attending:

Rick Bailey, Pete Carson, Peter Cunningham, Dan Hager, Linda Mack, Tim Palmer, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Kiosk and granite benches

Peter, Ray, Joan, and Paul Sebring installed the kiosk at Depot Street. An engraved plaque on the front of the kiosk acknowledges the donation from Townsend Community Couples Club.

Bill posted a map, trail information, and sponsor acknowledgement. He sent a photo to Amanda Lewis.

Five granite benches have been installed. Townsend Memorial did a great job at a very fair price.

Harbor Church projects

The Townsend Conservation Commission wants a detailed plan for the parking lot before they will consider amending our Orders of Conditions. Stan Dillis is working on the plan.

Townsend Harbor sidewalk and bike lanes

This joint project with Veronica Kell and the Town Administrator will use remaining funds from a Shared Streets grant.

Bill, Tim, and Cheryl Rideout measured street widths and provided the data to Kittleson & Associates. Their engineers determined that South Street is not wide enough for bike lanes on both sides, so the short term solution will be a lane on one side only. The longer term solution would be to widen the roads.

Bill, Tim, and Rick will meet with Townsend's Police Chief to ask him to reopen Old Meetinghouse Road for public safety. This would give us access to build a pedestrian bridge

over the Squannacook River at no cost to the town.

Opening celebration for phase 2

Saturday, September 24th at noon.

Veronica Kell can't attend, but will ask another Selectman. John Cronin will present a check for \$50K. Bill will present t-shirts to people who have helped during construction.

Bill sent an email and Facebook announcement asking people to park at Cherry Hill Too and walk over or ride a shuttle. Pete and Rick will direct traffic. Bill will find out if the Council on Aging will loan their bus. Townsend CATV will record.

Bill will invite Community Foundation of North Central MA and Bruce J. Anderson Foundation.

Phase 3 and 4 construction

Bill sent a signed copy of the contract for phase 3 to Gary Shepherd. The agreed-upon amount is \$125,000 over four payments.

The phase 3 section has no wetlands, but Peter and Pete will do inspections based on best construction practices. We all need to record our volunteer time for the MassTrails grant.

We hope for another \$100K from MassTrails for phase 4. Bruce will look into applying for another CPA grant toward the 0.3 miles of phase 4 in Groton. Peter will submit another request for funding to Lori Trahan's office.

Other projects, events, and maintenance

Gary has been mowing and Bill weed-whacked. Chipmunks continue to dig holes in the stone dust.

Grants & other fundraising

Bill submitted an interim report to Community Foundation of North Central MA for our \$4,300 grant.

Brick sale is active in Groton until the end of September.

Financial report

At the end of phase 3, we will have \$84K remaining. If we win \$100K from MassTrails for phase 4, we will still need about \$40K to finish the trail.

Review minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of our August 17, 2022 meeting was seconded and passed unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING

The term expires this month for Dan and Bill and in November for Rick. Motions to approve new three-year terms were seconded and passed unanimously.

The new terms for our Board of Directors are:

Director	Term Expires
Pete Carson	September 2023
Bruce Eason	September 2023
Ray Jackson	September 2023
Tim Palmer	September 2024
Mark Cram	September 2024
Peter Cunningham	September 2024
Joan Wotkowicz	September 2024
Linda Mack	April 2025
Dan Hager	September 2025
Bill Rideout	September 2025
Rick Bailey	November 2025

Officers are eligible for re-election for a one-year term. A motion to approve the slate of officers was seconded and passed unanimously.

Officers	
President	Peter Cunningham
Vice President	Pete Carson
Treasurer	Bill Rideout
Clerk	Joan Wotkowicz

Bill said that Dale Rossbach, James Gates' wife, might be interested in joining our Board. Bill will approach her to discuss.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM** via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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