

## **Squannacook Greenways, Inc.**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

Attending:

Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Linda Mack, Tim Palmer, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

#### **158 Main Street wetland violation**

Yesterday's heavy rain breached the berm again, washing rocks and sediment across the trail. McGee attempted repairs today but the problem remains.

There was a recommendation that we submit one or more formal complaints to DEP. Mia McDonald of MassDEP is handling the complaint. Bill left her a phone message today. Peter, Linda, and Joan will also call.

Joan filled out DEP's complaint form and will forward the draft to Bill and Linda for review. Peter will be primary contact.

#### **Status of Groton bricks and road crossing islands**

Peter Carson sent photos and Joan and Paul checked them out this week. They look great!

#### **Plans for wattles installation**

We cleared brush last month, so the site is ready for installation. We will host a workday on October 14. Bill will start publicizing.

We will break into three work groups. Joan will order the wattles at the end of this month for delivery on the 12th to three locations. We will have a preliminary work day on the 13th using Mark's truck and Paul Sebring's tractor to move the wattles closer to their destinations.

#### **Other construction preparation for Phase 4**

We still need a third bid. Bill will remind Kevin Smith.

#### **Other maintenance**

Several places along phase one and two have inch-deep washouts in the stone dust. We will schedule a work day to replace stone dust, tentatively in November. Mark can pick up the material in his truck and deposit along the trail.

Townsend's Town Administrator received a complaint from an abutter about mowing beyond his No Trespassing sign. Bill pointed out that the sign is on rail trail property.

#### **Other projects and events**

The Meehan Bridge project has been stalled, but Gary inquired recently about its status.

#### **Financial report / grants / fundraising**

Senator Cronin asked Peter about our financial ability to construct phase four. With MassTrails granting us the additional \$16K we requested, our funds should be adequate. We may need money to hire a turtle monitor in March.

Peter needs to sign the auditor's letter for our tax filing.

Bill said that once phase four is finished, we will have raised and spent a total of \$960K!

#### **Review August 16 minutes**

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

#### **Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be October 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM. This will be our annual meeting, with election of Board of Directors and officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz , Clerk

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