



Squannacook Greenways meeting with Townsend Conservation Commission Wednesday, Oct. 24th

Squannacook Greenways has been focused in 2018 on permitting the construction of the Squannacook River Rail Trail. We have completed our work with the state agencies and with the Groton Conservation Commission. The next step is appearing before the Townsend Conservation Commission. A public meeting with them has been scheduled on Oct. 24, 2018 at 7:45 at Memorial Hall. Feel free to attend to learn more about the construction stage of this project. (And yes, the meeting was scheduled *before* the Red Sox made it into the World Series...)

One reason that Squannacook Greenways has been working so hard on permitting is that our trail can only be constructed between the dates of Nov. 7 and Mar. 15th. This time-of-year restriction is to protect Blanding's Turtles, through whose habitat our rail trail will run. Given that permitting is not yet complete, this means we are now targeting construction starting in Nov. 2019. However, once we have our permits in place, we will be looking for help with volunteer projects that can be done prior to trail construction.



Blandings Turtle

Walk the Squannacook River Rail Trail with us Nov. 3rd

On Saturday morning, Nov 3, 2018, a number of groups in Townsend will be offering guided walks, including Squannacook Greenways. The guided walks of the Squannacook River Rail Trail will leave from the Harbor Church at 9 and 11 am.

There will also be guided walks through Howard Park (next to Hawthorne Brook Middle School), the Squannacook River Wildlife Management Area (Shirley Rd), the Haynes Rd. trail (at the kiosk on the left), and the Howard M. Stein Memorial Park (at the top of Meetinghouse Rd. off Highland St.). The event is being sponsored by the Townsend Conservation Land Trust, Townsend Historical Society and Squannacook Greenways. To learn more about all the options, go to <https://townsendconservationlandtrust.org/events/townsend-trail-tour-day/>.



Click the poster to learn more about Townsend Trail Tour Day.

