

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Nashua River Watershed Association

Attending:

Peter Carson, Peter Cunningham, Bruce Eason, Al Futterman, Bob Hargraves, Ray Jackson, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

DCR Requirements

We are on the agenda for the Townsend Board of Selectmen meeting on August 14 to request a letter to Commissioner Lambert. Bill Rideout circulated a press release he prepared for local newspapers.

When the Townsend letter is in place, Peter Cunningham will obtain one from Groton.

Quotes on environmental liability insurance are still pending.

Abutters

Bill Rideout reported on his meeting with the Townsend Historical Society, at which he talked about the advantages of the trail and also showed photos of historical sites from Wachusett Greenways. We considered the idea of engaging engineering support to advise us on safe transitions between trail and sidewalk near the Historical Society property.

Al Futterman will schedule a meeting with MA Fisheries and Wildlife.

Public Outreach

Peter Carson will set up a FaceBook page and add Bill as an administrator.

Fundraising and Membership

Fundraising is on hold until we have an agreement with DCR.

Joan Wotkowicz summarized her research into fundraising software and questioned whether we need anything more sophisticated or expensive than Excel. Peter Carson suggested we look at Constant Contact for an e- newsletter when we start soliciting members.

We discussed the quote that Bill Rideout received for a fund-raising video, which would be shown on YouTube, public access TV, CD distribution to potential donors, and possibly the local Groton TV show. We decided to continue exploring other options, to make sure we can recover the cost.

Financial Report

Currently \$10,102.17 in our account.

Recreational Trails Grant

DCR sent a postcard announcing that our grant application did not win. On a positive note, the Recreational Trails Program will continue to receive funding.

The next RTP grant application is due February 1, 2013. We will try to have a stronger proposal by having our environmental permitting in place and being ready for stone dust.

Joan suggested that other grant sources might be amenable to funding environmental permitting costs. She will ask Rolland Willis for help with applications.

Environmental Permitting

Bruce Easom suggested we start preparing a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with the Conservation Commissions, even though we cannot submit until we have the lease. We decided to start with Groton to learn the process.

Minutes

Minutes from our June 20 meeting were approved by a majority vote.

Next meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 22 pm at the Nashua River Watershed Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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