

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2015

Attending:

Peter Cunningham, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Ray Jackson, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Agenda

Townsend Selectman Candidates

Bill and Steve will contact candidates Cindy King, Steve Spofford, and Ed Howard to offer to an informational briefing about rail trail activities prior to candidates night.

Abutter Visits

Steve sent out approximately 30 letters to Townsend abutters on October 4. Three abutters have contacted us so far.

Steve and Joan met with one favorable business abutter on a site visit. Steve followed up with an email.

Steve spoke with a second business abutter who did not want a site visit but is a supporter and offered to help.

Steve's third abutter visit was with a couple who are cautious supporters.

Joan printed Groton letters for Peter Carson.

Massachusetts Trails Conference/SRRT Presentation

At least four of us will attend the conference on Saturday, November 14. We were invited to give a talk. Bill uploaded presentation slides on Google for editing.

Grants

Community Foundation grant applications are open and we should apply. Joan will review the application and begin planning our response.

We should also consider the DCR Recreational Trails grant, due February 1, although we could only apply the funds toward engineering and environmental purposes, so it would not make sense to apply for the full amount.

Capital Campaign

Bill is to scheduled to meet with a few potential contributors.

Publicity/Outreach

Pete Carson started photographing sections of the trail during a bike ride, taking advantage of the autumn foliage. Joan and Bill will try to ride with Paul Sebring this weekend to record a video using a Go-Pro helmet-mounted camera.

Conservation/Natural Heritage

Bruce trimmed the presentation to include only sections near wetlands. He distributed electronic files of the Excel spreadsheet for review. When ready, he will add a cover letter and submit to Natural Heritage.

When the time comes to file with Conservation Commission in Groton, Bruce will recuse himself and Cedwyn will step in.

Encroachment

The Board of Directors met in executive session.

Financial Report

No significant change in status.

Review of REVISED meeting minutes from September 16, 2015

Minutes were unanimously approved with one abstention.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 at the NRWA.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz , Clerk

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