

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2015

Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Ray Jackson, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Abutter visits

Pete Carson mailed all the Groton letters and has a meeting scheduled with one abutter. Two others have contacted him.

Steve mailed the second batch of Townsend letters and had a telephone meeting with one business owner. He received phone calls from two more abutters and has one scheduled.

- Bill will ask Gary Shepherd if we should address the Sterilite letter to a specific person.
- Joan will contact Option 1 Fitness to follow up on the letter.
- Bill will follow up with the Townsend Historical Society to continue discussion about routing the trail through their parking lot.

Massachusetts Trails Conference/SRRT presentation

Bill and Steve will review the slides and finish preparations for their presentation at the trails conference on Saturday.

Community Foundation Grant Application

Our cover sheet and concept paper are due November 20. If the concept paper is accepted, a full application is due January 8. Awards will range \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Unlike the award that we won previously, this grant is from the Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund, which is a collaboration between the North Central Massachusetts and

Greater Lowell Community Foundations, and is intended to address health issues.

Joan will complete and submit our concept paper with assistance from Bill and Steve.

DCR Recreational Trails Program Grant Application

The Massachusetts Recreational Trails Program provides grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000, with some larger proposals considered. These are 80-20 challenge grants, but money from other grants and donations is eligible as in-kind match.

The deadline is February 1, 2016.

Costs we might consider covering include engineering, planning, and materials such as fencing, signage, stone dust (~\$30K), and environmental filing fee. These could be covered under non-prevailing wage. Mark will develop rough estimates.

Amanda Lewis of DCR is presenting an informational session at the Massachusetts Trails Conference, which Joan will attend.

Capital campaign

Bill has talked with several more potential contributors.

Publicity/outreach/video

Bill posted a five-minute video of our mountain bike ride on the rail trail. The video had 50 viewers on Facebook. Bill will also send it by email on Constant Comment.

The section in Townsend Harbor would be a nice section to start clearing in spring. The vegetation is small and would not need power tools. Although this section is far from wetland, we will check with the Townsend Conservation Commission before doing any cutting.

Conservation/Natural Heritage

Cedwyn mailed a letter to David Paulson of MA Natural Heritage, who offered to review our submission before we file. He estimates our application fee will be \$4,000.

Bruce is trying to meet with Bob Collins, the attorney who was involved with the public easement at Bertozzi, to learn more about it.

Financial report

A motion to reimburse Bill \$18.50 in expense for filing our Secretary of State report was approved unanimously.

Upcoming/Past Events

Our next event will be trail clearing, after which we can host walks with donors and potential donors.

Review of meeting minutes

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the minutes from our October 14, 2015 meeting, with one abstention.

Re-elections

A motion to appoint the following directors for a three year term to expire in September 2018 was seconded and approved unanimously:

Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Don Klein, Cedwyn Morgan, Joan Wotkowicz

The current terms of our Board of Directors are:

Director	Term Expires
Bill Rideout	September 2016
Steve Meehan	September 2017
Pete Carson	September 2017
Ray Jackson	September 2017
Bruce Easom	September 2017
Mark Cram	September 2018
Peter Cunningham	September 2018
Don Klein	September 2018
Joan Wotkowicz	September 2018

Our next meeting will be our annual meeting to re-elect officers. Joan will make an announcement in advance of the meeting.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **NRWA**.

This will be our annual meeting to re-elect officers of our Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.