

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017

Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Bruce Easom,
Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan,
Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Groton Conservation Summit

Bruce and Steve attended on February 16. The speaker's topic was the effect of global warming around Groton. Major themes were connectivity between conserved parcels and networking between interested groups.

Environmental permitting

Cedwyn, Mark, and Bruce have made progress in preparing application documents. Bruce and Mark reviewed maps and identified areas to update. Construction should take place during the inactive season, which we believe to be November to March, or we will incur additional restrictions.

Joan is tracking meeting time spent on this topic for the DCR grant match. Cedwyn, Mark, and Bruce should track their hours.

Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts grant

Joan submitted our Cover Sheet and Letter of Intent for the CFNCM general endowment grant on 2/26. We requested \$20K.

Invitations to submit a full RFP should go out by mail and e-mail on March 17, 2017. (Letters may go to Steve or Bill.)

If we are invited, part two of the process will be submission of a full Request for Proposals response due April 27, 2017.

Bruce J. Anderson grant

Decisions expected in May.

Financial report / fundraising

Although we ended the Buy-a-Brick campaign in December, people are still interested. Bill

wants to run a final sale before shutting down the web site, starting on Earth Day. Joan will add this to our Earth Day handout. Bill will post on Facebook.

Townsend Historical Society/other abutter activity

We have been invited to the Historical Society's board meeting on March 29 at 4:00 PM. Bill and Mark will attend.

Groton Department of Public Works inquired about removing the rails at Crosswinds, as they are a nuisance for snowplows. Steve will contact the MBTA real estate office to clarify the authority for road crossings. We will make sure we retain the steel for salvage.

Earth Day/trail cleanup/other events, publicity, outreach

Townsend Earth Day celebration on the town common will be Saturday April 22.

Our 2nd annual rail trail cleanup will be the following week, Saturday April 29. Bill bought 75 trash bags from the Board of Health.

Bill suggested we also have a family day on the rail trail with games, displays, and giveaways. We tentatively planned for June 3.

Review of meeting minutes

Revised minutes from February 15, 2017 were approved unanimously with two abstentions.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Groton Legion**.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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