

Squannacook River Rail Trail Funding Exploration Committee (Townsend)

Minutes of Public Meeting of Jan. 20, 2011 (Approved Feb. 17, 2011)

Location: Town Hall, Groton, MA

Time: 7:00 pm

Members Present: Steve Meehan (Chairman), Bill Rideout (Secretary), Mark Cram

Members Absent: Bill Martin, Hirk Fortin

Attendees: Peter Cunningham, Russ Murray, Pete Carson (Groton committee), Al Futterman (NRWA), Joan Wotkowicz, Alfred Gadway

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. The first topic was presentations of the interim report to the two towns' Board of Selectmen. Peter Cunningham noted that he had presented the results to the Groton Board of Selectmen to a very positive reception. The Groton Board had asked him to plan a public meeting in the future. We agreed that such a public meeting should be held, but that Squannacook Greenways should hold it, not the town committees.

Bill Rideout noted that Andy Sheehan, the Townsend town administrator, had asked them to speak with the Townsend Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Feb 1, 2011 at 7 pm. The committee made a motion which was unanimously approved to appoint Steve Meehan to speak on the committee's behalf. Bill Rideout said he would send Steve a powerpoint to use as a handout.

Peter Cunningham noted that he was still working to set up a meeting with the Mass. DCR but that a date had not yet been set.

The Townsend minutes for Dec. 17, 2010 were unanimously approved. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 in Townsend. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Rideout
Secretary, Squannacook River Rail Trail Funding Exploration Committee