

# **Squannacook Greenways, Inc.**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**May 30, 2012**

## **Nashua River Watershed Association**

Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Alfred Gadway, Bob Hargraves, Ray Jackson, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

### **DCR Meeting Review**

Peter Cunningham summarized the May 24 meeting. Liability is an issue because we are low on DCR's priorities for trail projects. If we address environmental liability, they will work with us. We also need to get a letter from the towns. They will give us a memorandum of understanding.

### **Strategy for Letters from Towns**

Steve Meehan and Bill Rideout will talk with Town Administrator Andy Sheehan about a letter from Townsend confirming agreements on sidewalk and policing. When we are ready to approach the Selectmen, Bob Hargraves will attend to speak about sensitivity to abutters. Steve and Bill will also talk directly to the Police Chief and Fire Chief to update them and assess their level of support.

Peter Cunningham and Bruce Easom will meet with Town Manager in Groton.

### **Environmental Insurance Research**

Bill Rideout's previous research into policies found \$48k one-time cost for 5 years. Mark Cram has seen \$25k. Peter Cunningham will get a quote from Groton's insurer. Bill will also contact Steve Winslow and Craig Della Penna.

### **Letter to DCR Recreational Trails Program**

Joan Wotkowicz offered to write to Amanda Lewis who administers the DCR grants program. The letter will update her on our non-profit status and include a copy of our IRS determination letter. We will also inform her of our negotiations with the Commissioner.

A motion to send a letter was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Outreach/Thank You to Supporters**

We discussed individuals to thank, as a courtesy, before a public announcement:

- Bill thanked the people who provided letters of support to DCR, including Charles Martin (Northern Rail Trail)
- He will update Gary Shepherd and Faye, Spofford, and Thorndike
- Al will update Emily Norton (Friends of Willard Brook)
- Bruce will thank Tom Michaelman (Bruce Freeman Rail Trail) and Dave Nugian (Montachusett Regional Planning Commission)
- Peter sent an email to thank the State Representatives and will send an email to DCR.

### **Groton RiverFest**

Peter Carson asked if we'll have a table at the festival on June 24. Peter Cunningham offered to cover.

**Finances**

A motion to reimburse \$19 each to Peter Cunningham and Bill Rideout for parking fees at the DCR meeting was approved unanimously.

A motion to reimburse Joan Wotkowicz \$29.08 for printing brochures was approved unanimously.

A motion to authorize up to \$30 for Bill Rideout to purchase financial software was approved by a majority with one opposed.

**Business Cards**

Bruce Easom made up examples of new cards for Board of Directors. All directors should send an email to Bruce specifying your preference for an email address or mailing address.

**Minutes**

May 2 minutes were approved unanimously with one correction.

April 5 minutes were approved unanimously.

**Wachusett Greenways**

Bill announced a Wachusett Greenways/DCR celebration of partnerships this weekend.

**Next meeting**

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00 pm at the NRWA.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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