

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2014

Attending:

Peter Carson, Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Al Futterman, Ray Jackson, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

Status of MBTA Lease / Next Steps

Laura Kaplan, general counsel for the realty company, apologized for the delay. Steve Meehan will continue to inquire.

Financial Report

No new transactions.

Publicity

Bill Rideout has an email newsletter ready to send out. Anne O'Connor has inquired about the status for a news story. We discussed holding a media event when we sign the lease.

Joan Wotkowicz contacted two graphic artists who are both interested in giving us a quote for designing a campaign flyer.

Fundraising

Al Futterman contacted the Trustees of Reservation about two individuals who may be able to advise us.

Community Foundation grant applications are due in February. To apply, we would need to have made significant fund raising progress first.

DCR Recreation Trails grant applications are also due in February. We would need the signed lease and we would have to commit to the prevailing wage strategy, or else use the funds for endowment or engineering (non-construction).

Abutter Outreach

Peter Cunningham talked with Mark Boyle from the MBTA and provided information about

encroachment. MBTA has dealt with this often and has standard procedures.

We reviewed and approved Steve Meehan's revisions to the letter to abutters.

Upcoming Conferences and Events

Massachusetts Trails Conference - several members of our group plan to attend.

Bill Rideout was invited to give a presentation along with Wachusett Greenways for the Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust.

Sidewalk/New Firehouse

Townsend did not budget for the sidewalk in Townsend Harbor next year, partly because of the delay in the rail trail.

Mark Cram spoke to Mass Highway and confirmed that the road crossing at the new firehouse belongs to Townsend.

Candidate

Gene Rauhala asked Bill Rideout about the rail trail. Although we cannot support a candidate, Bill provided information about our progress.

Review of Minutes from Sept 4

Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, November 5** at 7:00 PM at the NRWA.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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