

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2015

Attending:

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

Status of PeopleForBikes Grant Application / Project Timeline

Joan prepared a draft Letter of Interest to PeopleForBikes, which is due January 30 to apply for a \$10,000 grant. If selected, we will be invited to submit a Full Application by April 3. We developed a preliminary timeline to use in the Letter of Interest, and decided to include a draft of our capital campaign flyer and a photo essay as the two attachments with our online submission.

Review of Meeting with Gary Shepherd

Bill Rideout recounted a positive conversation with Gary about his ideas for building the trail. Bill welcomed his participation and will meet with him on January 15, along with Mark Cram, to discuss engineering topics.

Groton Conservation Summit

Peter Cunningham and Steve Meehan will attend the summit on Feb 11 and represent our group. Al Futterman will also attend.

MBTA Lease-Developments/Next Steps

No new developments. Peter Cunningham will contact Mark Boyle, especially as we have a grant deadline.

Financial Report

Bill reported no additional transactions. Our account is currently at \$25,671.

Abutter Outreach

No new activity.

Upcoming Conferences and Events

The public is invited to a walk along a proposed rail trail in Ashburnham on January 25.

Mark signed us up for Townsend Earth Day on April 25.

Groton Riverfest is June 7.

Review of Meeting Minutes

The corrected minutes of December 10, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with one abstention.

Friends of the Nashua River Rail Trail

FNRRT has invited our participation, now that the Friends of Willard Brook has disbanded. Although we do not have time or resources at this stage, a merger might make sense in the future for the purpose of stewardship. We could collaborate on cleanups and FNRRT might benefit from our mailing list.

Capital Campaign Flyers

Joan presented two drafts of a capital campaign flyer designed by Julia Egan. Feedback was very positive, with preference for the larger format.

Joan will circulate the PDF by email and collect our comments by the end of month.

Bill Rideout would like to add the photo of kids bicycling on Route 119 with a caption about the need for an alternative place for kids to ride.

Joan will share the draft with Linda Mack from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and add instructions for making a donation.

Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on Tuesday, **February 10** at 7:00 at the **NRWA**.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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