

# Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

Attending:

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

### **IRS Conflict of Interest forms**

Mark Cram, Bruce Easom, and Bill Rideout signed their forms.

### **Report on Groton Conservation Forum**

Steve and Bruce attended. The theme was a GPS-based software app called **iNaturalist**, which logs observations into a species inventory database. On March 25th, there will be follow-up training on iNaturalist with a field walk. Contact Steve for more information.

The app can also host projects, which might be useful for our rail trail for a family activity.

**Nature of Groton** is an example of a locally integrated group project.

### **Status of environmental permit application**

Bruce reported that we updated our NHESP application and re-sent to Dave Paulson. Mark, Cedwyn, and Bruce met on site to review bank stabilization issues.

Near the fisherman access, we may be able to drive rails down vertically and place boards behind. Another option is a material by Geo Solutions, Inc. for bank erosion.

Another washed-out area near the storage facility may need only bank replacement to stabilize. We also discussed using plants for stabilization.

Bruce scheduled a Pre-Submission Consultation in Townsend, but it was canceled. We discussed the process and goals for meeting with the Conservation Commission. We should let the town manager know what's going on, as well as the town planner, if Townsend has one.

Bruce will contact Dave Henkeis and Lindsey Butler and try again to set up the consultation.

Don and either Steve or Mark will also attend to have in-town representation. Steve will call Town Administrator Jim Kreidler and update him.

### **Montachusett Regional Planning Commission Trail Inventory**

Steve and Bill followed up on our discussion from last meeting. We will take no action to have our trail listed on the MRPC inventory right now.

### **Status report for Massachusetts Recreational Trails grant**

Joan completed and submitted our mandatory status report for the grant award, which is due tomorrow. She reminded the permitting team that detailed time sheets will be required for our final report in September.

### **Fundraising and financial report**

We are at \$122K. Once we have the permit, we will conduct a membership drive .

### **Townsend Earth Day Celebration**

Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10 AM to 3 P.M. with the theme of Hoof and Woof.

Mark reserved a table. Steve, Bill, Mark, Cheryl, and Joan will help.

We discussed whether to run a clean-up on the same day, which allows us to bring trash to the Townsend Transfer Station. We have 40 bags left over from last year.

Don heard that several barrels have been dumped on the rail trail behind Harbor Village. Joan will investigate.

### **Business cards**

We distributed the rest of Squannacook River Rail Trail business cards. If anyone wants more, let Joan know.

### **Review meeting minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes of February 14, 2018 was seconded and approved unanimously with one exception.

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### **Next Meeting**

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 PM** at the **Groton Legion**.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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