

Squannacook Greenways, Inc. | May 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Attendees

Directors

Peter Cunningham, Bill Rideout, Emma Grazier, Joan Wotkowicz, Frank Murphy, Tim Palmer, Mark Cram

Guests

Agenda

1. Project Updates

- Groton Extension
- Townsend Harbor
- Townsend Extension

2. Maintenance & Events

- Debrief: 6/14 fence building day (additional work needed?)
- Debrief: 6/19 bike rodeo
- Discuss mowing options/strategy
- Shlomiya Lightfoot/InLand trail walk potential dates: Afternoon of 6/30 or 7/7

3. Grants

- Expect decision on MassTrails Grant this week or next week!

4. Financial & Fundraising Reports

- WCU accounts: Added Linda & removed Joan as authorized signers
- Present financial report

5. Review [May Meeting Minutes](#)

6. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjourn

Action Items

- **Mark** to send a message if he ends up continuing fence work this Sunday 6/29
- **Bill & Mark** to ponder options for improving bike access to the grist mill trestle bridge (e.g., wooden ramp, granite slab, crushed stone, etc.)
- **Bill** to reach out to John Barrett about Townsend Parks & Cemeteries availability for mowing

- **Emma** to confirm InLand trail walk date & time w/ Shlomiya and share with board (likely afternoon of Monday, July 7)

Notes

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM

1. Project Updates

Groton Extension:

- Peter to meet w/ Groton CPA Committee on 6/30 to update on freight rights issues

Townsend Harbor:

- Sidewalk from Harbor Church to intersection is paved and project nearly complete
- **Bill & Mark thinking about adding a wooden ramp, granite slab, or crushed stone to the grist mill trestle bridge to improve bicycle access**

Townsend Extension:

- Lease application still pending with GrayCo.
- Peter sent a separate request for a fee waiver. Still waiting to hear - hopefully by next meeting.

2. Maintenance & Events

- Debriefed on 6/14 fence building work day
 - All new fence posts installed
 - Easiest digging experience to date!
 - **Mark contemplating doing additional work this Sunday 6/29**
- Debriefed on 6/19 Girl Scout Bike Rodeo
 - No SRRT volunteers ended up attending. No word from Irene on turnout.
- Discussed mowing options/strategy
 - Kevin Smith has declined to continue to mow for us. Need to figure out new option/volunteer(s).
 - The job would be at most twice per year.
 - Ideas about who to ask:
 - Townsend & Groton Highway Departments
 - Townsend Parks & Cemeteries (**Bill to reach out to John Barrett about Townsend Parks & Cemeteries availability for mowing**)
- Shlomiya Lightfoot/InLand trail walk:
 - Afternoon of **July 7 (Emma to confirm InLand trail walk date & time w/ Shlomiya - likely afternoon of Monday, July 7)**

3. Grants

- Expect decision on MassTrails Grant this week or next week.

4. Financial & Fundraising Reports

- Insurance:
 - Liability insurance jumped from \$698 to \$1605 this year! Our agent tried to find a lower price but failed.
 - Directors and Officers went up only a bit, from \$928 to \$936.
- WCU accounts: Added Linda & removed Joan as authorized signers

5. Review May Meeting Minutes

- Joan moved to accept
- Bill seconded
- All voted in favor

6. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjourn

- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 6 at 7 PM (no meeting in July)

Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM