

Squannacook Greenways, Inc. - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Attendees

Directors

Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Emma Grazier, Frank Murphy, Tim Palmer, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz, Dan Hager, Linda Mack

Guests

Shlomiya Lightfoot

Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

1. Project Updates
 - a. Groton Extension
No update
 - b. Townsend Harbor
Discussed Townsend Historical Society leadership status. The next THS meeting will be held December 7.
 - c. Townsend Extension
Peter had some communication with Greystone Realty. MBTA legal department wants to extend the current lease rather than create a separate lease. Waiting on a draft proposal lease from the MBTA. Peter asks: "Should we enter into the lease before we have the engineering plans?" Process moving a little bit quicker now.
2. Maintenance and Events
 - a. Fall Clean Up 11/8
 - b. Townsend 250th Parade
"Home grown" parade to be held June 20, 2026. Bill asks if SRRT should set up a table at the beginning of the parade and help kids decorate their bikes and maybe have someone carrying a sign. Board will consider.
3. Grants and Collaborations
 - a. MassTrails Grant
 - i. 2025 grant: RFP status and/or other updates
We've received two formal "no" bids. Likely Dillis & Roy will be our only bid. Stantec was not interested at our budget. Bill will ping everyone this coming Monday. Our deadline is Dec. 15.
 - ii. 2026 grant: Should we apply for a 2026 MassTrails Grant?

Bill thinks we could apply for funding for just that small section behind Harbor Auto (James thinks its about \$40k); Joan thinks we already applied for the same thing through the community foundations; CPA kicks in starting January 1 - we won't be able to say we have funds in hand, but it won't be such a heavy lift to do a match; Bill will send Emma the old materials.

- b. InLand Partnership
Emma recapped 11/2 meeting w/ Shlomiya Lightfoot. We will need to wait until after THS election on December 7.
 - c. MCD Lawn-to-Meadow Program
Joan recapped learnings from online training.
4. Financial and Fundraising Reports
 5. Review [October Meeting Minutes](#)
Bill moves to accept. Peter seconds. All in favor of approval.
 6. Schedule Next Meeting (Holiday Gathering!) and Adjourn
Bailey's on Sunday December 14 at 5:30

Meeting adjourned 8:03 PM