

# Groton Greenway Committee

August 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Location: Nashua River Watershed Association, 592 Main Street, Groton, MA  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Note taker: Fran Stanley  
Members Present: Carol Coutrier, David Pitkin, Fran Stanley, Marion Stoddart  
Members Absent: Stacey Chilcoat

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Fran was late to join the meeting.

Minutes for June and April meetings were approved.

David will research a prefabricated bridge to replace Fitch's Bridge.

Water Chestnuts on the Nashua and Weed Harvesters.

Former Town Dump Parcel on Nod Road. Site walk in conjunction with Conservation Commission is planned. Marion raised prospect of arranging for land to be managed for a grassland habitat. The 1975 era capping and closure of the dump has received DEP certification.

There is seepage from the site. Could it be hazardous? Group discussed its responsibilities regarding the adequacy of the remediation work done on the dump in the mid 1970s.

DeCilio Property. Groton Greenway Committee continues to anticipate a possible real estate closing in the near future by Nashoba Paddlers for its condo purchase of a portion of DeCilio's property.

Farmers and Mechanics Property. Group discussed Conservation Commission proposal to harvest timber from this site. The cutting can reach up to 50 feet from the Nashua. The plan is conservative in that it is only removing 30 percent of the trees and has been developed by professional foresters. The cutting plan will be reviewed and Greenway will follow the Con Com's action with respect to this parcel.

Vernon Smith property on the Squannacook. The Greenway would like to help to protect this property.

Next Meetings. The committee will meet next on September 7<sup>th</sup> and will try to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Traditionally, the committee has not met during July and August.