

# Groton Greenway Committee

June 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Location: Nashua River Watershed Association, 592 Main Street, Groton, MA

Time: 7:00 PM

Members Present: Carol Coutrier, Fran Stanley, Marion Stoddart, David Pitkin

Other Attendees: Peter Carson (Nashoba Paddlers), Celia Silanonte, Diane Carson (Nashoba Paddlers), Bobbi Lamont, Katherine Bell, Lisa Wiesner, Russ Murray (sponsorship), Becky Carson (design)

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*David Pitkin moved for the Groton Greenway Committee to accept and endorse Marion Stoddart's June 15, 2012 letter to the Conservation Commission regarding the Town's Open Space plan. Fran Stanley seconded. Motion carried 4:0.*

Katherine Bell volunteered to offer a group mural and coordinate all children's art activities to make up for late withdrawal from other child art group. 200 children are estimated to attend. Several children's art activities (including Lisa Wiesner natural boats and Heather Stoddart origami insects) are now planned and should offer an array of interesting options.

Need to speak with public access users pre 8 a.m. on the day of in order to warn them of dedicated festival reservation that begins at 8 a.m. The closest put in for motor boats is on the Pepperell side of the river above the dam on Pepperell conservation land. The closest pond is Baddacook Pond. Kayakers and canoers could put in directly across the 119 bridge.

The group discussed numerous details of the River Festival 2012 event including:

- George Moor is lining up alternative volunteer to transport festival goers to Fitch's Bridge by motor boat,
- Peter Myrick from the Commonwealth's Fish and Wildlife Division will be coming with snakes and turtles.
- Cardboard signs designating bike parking, handicapped parking, shuttle bus pickups, and Deluxe parking.
- timing of events for the day.
- Russ Murray to assist Lisa Wiesner with the task of ordering Belmont Springs water in large containers to be delivered to the Watershed in advance of the event.
- New day of task: transport water from Watershed to Petapawag Boat Launch.
- Final table and chair count for tables to be transported from Groton School by van.
- Volunteers to assist with parking and greeting lined up by Celia Silanonte.
- Yellow t-shirts with festival logo distributed by Celia Silanonte (beautiful!).
- Brenton to assist Lucas Moison with cardboard canoe races.
- Donation bucket.
- Lt. Cullen is the organizer's contact for the police detail.
- Young children's baby pool fishing activity planned with magnetic hooks and paper clipped fish (much enjoyed activity at Lancaster River Festival).
- Press release will go out to the Groton Line.

*David Pitkin moved for the Groton Greenway Committee to appropriate up to \$100 to Katherine Bell for the use of her art supplies at the festival. Carol Coutrier seconded. Motion carried 4:0.*

*Carol Coutrier moved for the Groton Greenway Committee to appropriate \$50 for Dmitri to provide juggling entertainment on the day of the festival. David Pitkin seconded. Motion carried 4:0.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by Fran Stanley.