

**Groton Greenway Committee**  
Minutes

Date: February 6, 2013 - - - Draft - - -  
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 173 Main St., Groton, MA  
Greenway Members  
in attendance: David Pitkin, Marion Stoddart, Carol Coutrier, Adam Burnett  
Other attendees: Michael Roberts, Russ Murray, Diane Carson, Pete Carson, Bobbi Lamont, Celia  
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Groton Greenway Committee called to order at 7:10 p.m.

David Pitkin moved to approve January 3 Minutes as drafted, Carol C. seconded, unanimous vote to approve

Carol C. moved to approve January 15 Minutes as amended correcting Eddie's names, Adam Burnett seconded, unanimous vote to approve

Carol C. moved to approve December 8 as drafted, Adam Burnett seconded, unanimous vote to approve.

It was suggested to ask David M. to set a meeting for the Greenway to monitor the progress of Fitch's Bridge and what steps we should do.

*Planning of a subcommittee to research Historical Exhibit/Play/Music (Tinkers' Trading Post)*

*Michael Roberts, chairman of the Historical Commission, said that they are interested in participating in the RiverFestival. They are looking at it as a way to introduce the idea of a Founder's Day. He mentioned that Don Black and Connie Sartini would like to participate. Marion mentioned that Erica Hager and Laura Moore are also interested. A Founder's Day Study Group will be set up to brainstorm ideas of what can be done. They will meet on Wed., Feb. 13 at 7:00PM at Marion's house. Michael also mentioned that the Sustainability Commission would like to have a presence at the RiverFestival.*

*Musical Acts and Budgets*

*Brad Paul had spoken to "Annie and the Beekeepers", who were interested in performing at the RiverFestival. Celia reported that "Trout Fishing in America" was too expensive and that "Rani Arbo and Daisy Mahem" were booked for June 23 this year but would love to come in 2014. A vote was taken which passed unanimously to book "Annie and the Beekeepers" and Pete will ask Brad to explain to them the complexities of receiving payment.*

*Pete will verify the amount of money from the Cultural Council grant.*

*All money in the Groton Greenway Gift Fund was received for use towards the River Festival and must only be used for that purpose.*

David Pitkin moved to appropriate \$1,700 from the Commissioners of Trust's grant of the Lecture Fund to the music act Annie and the Beekeepers, seconded by Adam Burnett, unanimous vote to approve

### Children's art and Activities

*Shelley Grove and a friend have offered to be coordinators for Children's Art and Activities. Charlene Kelly is also willing to help. Stacey Low, Beth VanGelder, and Katherine Bell participated last year and will do the same this year. Katherine is willing to come to a planning meeting. It is unknown if there will be any money in the budget for supplies. A suggestion was made to contact Joan Huber who had found recycled materials in the past and may have some ideas.*

### Food

*Dave Pitkin volunteered to be Food and Water Coordinator. Russ and Dave will go to the next Boy Scout meeting. Russ's neighbor is in contact with other leaders and they are interested. Dan Starr, who organized the Boy Scouts food in the past, will be contacted. Pete will thank the Bistro for providing food last year. Alan suggested that perhaps another non-profit could provide dessert but there may not be enough customers to support two food vendors. Once the Boy Scouts level of participation is determined, a decision can be made. The need for additional seating for eating was discussed.*

*Dave Pitkin reported that he had spoken to the Police Dept. about the purchase of a water tank. (They would be the purchaser since it would be an item for emergency use.) They are discussing it. We need a primary plan for water and if a tank is purchased, we can use it instead.*

### Exhibitors

*Pete sent out a "Save the Date" request to all last year exhibitors. He will provide the committee with an updated list before next meeting. Alan will ask the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Dept. if they would like to participate. Pete will ask George Moore if he will make contact with the exhibitors again this year (as soon as possible). He will be asked to make sure Ducks Unlimited will be willing to provide boat shuttles to Fitch's Bridge again.*

### Funding Request Letters

*Russ presented a proposal of three versions of sponsorship levels. It was decided to keep the levels we used last year but add a plus sign after each dollar amount: Sponsor is \$50+, Patron is \$100+, and Benefactor is \$500+. Dave said that the committee should determine the budget and then solicit donations in the various categories to meet the budget. Sponsorship request letters need to go out immediately and will be accompanied by a sponsorship form, a copy of the recent Groton Landmark article, a flyer from last year, and*

*a link to the Facebook page. Dave will update the Facebook page. Diane will get the logo from Nancy Turkle.*

*Other items*

*Diane suggested the use of stickers to keep track of the number of participants.*

*Pete will locate the banner.*

*Pete will use Doodle again to determine date of next meeting.*

David Pitkin moved to close the meeting, Adam Burnett seconded and a Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Attachments:

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