

Groton Greenway Committee  
Open Session minutes of August 14, 2013  
Town Hall

Chairman David Pitkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the lunch room at Town Hall. Members Carol Coutrier, and Marion Stoddart were present. John Wiesner was also present.

Upon a motion by Marion Stoddart, seconded by Carol Coutrier, it was

VOTED: to approve Greenway Minutes of July 15, 2013, as drafted

The vote was unanimous.

A discussion of the Fitch's Bridge Grand Opening ensued. Various leaders will be contacted regarding their availability to attend the event on Sunday, September 15. The time may be changed from 10AM to 1PM, depending on the availability of the speakers. David Pitkin will check with David Manugian and Marion will check with Senator Donaghue and Representative Harrington.

Additional details were discussed:

- Fran has purchased the red ribbon for the ribbon cutting by Marion and David Manugian
- Carol will work on the refreshments, including a cake from Bliss Bakery with a two dimensional picture of bridge made of frosting on top.
- John Wiesner will bring equipment for the public address system and will also provide background music by the Pebble Bottom group as people are arriving and leaving as well as a couple of feature songs during the ceremony.
- John Wiesner will write a piece for the invitation on the guided hike and mountain biking that will be available after the ceremony. He will send it to Carol after the Trails Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 20.
- Lisa Wiesner may offer a guided canoe trip to the bridge.
- David Pitkin will contact and invite the neighbors of Fitch's Bridge and the various boards regarding the event. He will also contact Mark Haddad and Peter Cunningham.
- Marion will divide the invitation contact list among David, Carol and herself.
- Marion will contact the newspapers regarding covering the event.
- Carol will finish the invitation by next Wednesday, August 21 and send to Marion for review.
- David will check with the police for parking instructions and police detail and will send the information to Carol for the invitation.
- David will collect the RSVP's.

- PROGRAM FOR FITCH'S BRIDGE GRAND OPENING

1:00PM – Guests arrive, Music by John Wiesner and his Pebble Bottom group

1:00-1:40 – Speakers- Mark Haddad, Emcee

David Manugian, Chair, Fitch's Bridge Project

Peter Cunningham, Chair, Board of Selectmen

Senator Donaghue

Representative Harrington

Marion Stoddart

1:40-1:50 – Ribbon Cutting by Marion Stoddart and David Manugian

1:50-2:00 – Announcement of guided hike and mountain bike ride by John Wiesner,

Refreshments

Music by John Wiesner's Pebble Bottom group as guests leave.

Upon a motion by David Pitkin, seconded by Marion Stoddart, it was

VOTED: To allot \$300. From the Groton Greenway Gift Fund for refreshments for the Fitch's Bridge Grand Opening Ceremony.

The vote was unanimous.

Upon a motion by Marion Stoddart, seconded by Carol Coutrier, it was

VOTED: To adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Coutrier, Secretary  
Groton Greenway Committee