

Groton Greenway Committee
Open Session minutes of Oct. 17, 2013
Town Hall

Chairman David Pitkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the lunch room at Town Hall. Members Carol Coutrier and Marion Stoddart were present. Pierre of Nashoba Publishing sat in on the meeting.

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2013 Groton Greenway meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the Sept. 12, 2013 Groton Greenway meeting.

The Bottle Bill was added to the agenda.

A discussion of the Fitch's Bridge Dedication Ceremony followed:

- Marion's letter to the press was shared.
- The error in the Lowell Sun article on the Fitch's Bridge event was discussed, and David Pitkin shared that the correction was posted online.
- Marion shared that she felt there were 3 stories to be told:
 1. Story of the Fitch's Bridge Dedication
 2. The Greenway's efforts over 25 years to achieve the replacement of Fitch's Bridge.
 3. Story of the Fitch family and Fitch's Bridge.
- We would like a copy of Jean Fitch Best's remarks. Groton Historical Society would like a copy also.
- Marion will speak with Kate, editor of Nashoba Publishing regarding the stories.
- David will speak with Russ at the Groton Herald regarding the stories.
- David will speak with the Littleton Horse Association to find out how they would like the money they donated for the bridge to be used.

The following Goals for the year were established:

1. Increase the Greenway protected area.(Ask the NRWA for Al Futterman's help.)
2. Support River Festival 2014. The purpose is to educate people, creating awareness of the river and support.
3. Promote usage and stewardship of the river and trails.

New Member for Groton Greenway Committee:

- David will draw up requirements for Groton Greenway Committee members.
- Marion will ask Fran for her suggestions.
- Carol will contact George Moore.

Marion reported on the Bottle Bill.

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

VOTED: Groton Greenway Committee supports placement of the upgrade of the Bottle Bill on the 2014 ballot.

The vote was unanimous.

2014 River Festival:

Greenway meetings will be held immediately following River Festival meetings.

David requests that each person be responsible for one section of the planning.

Firemen need to be told now about the food. Date is Sunday, June 8, 2014.

Greenway Committee fully supports and will participate in the fundraising and planning of the River Festival for June 8, 2014.

Next Greenway meeting will be held on Nov. 14, 2013 at Town Hall.

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

VOTED: to adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coutrier, Secretary

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