

Groton Greenway Committee  
Open Session minutes of Jan. 9, 2014  
Town Hall

Chairman David Pitkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the lunch room at Town Hall.  
Members Carol Coutrier, Marion Stoddart and Adam Burnett were present.

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the Nov. 14, 2013 Groton Greenway meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

- David Pitkin and Marion Stoddart reported on the Annual Report status. A letter from the town manager's office indicated that our report was due on Jan. 24. All names of people involved in the Fitch's Bridge project will be included in the report. David will compose a letter of accomplishments, including these names.
- A discussion of the Littleton Horse Owners' monies ensued. Judy Lorimer's letter listed several issues to be addressed, such as granite mounting blocks, stone dust, and installing a non-slip surface. The Littleton Horse Owners organization will be invited to the next Greenway meeting.
- The 2014 Greenway Priorities were reviewed, A discussion ensued regarding some sites that are of concern:
  1. Nod Road dump site – how to determine the contamination danger of the dump to the river. Adam will research the situation and report to us at the next Greenway meeting.
  2. Site off Hill Road – concern about possible dumping.
  3. James Brook – John Crow FarmMarion suggested that we add to our Greenway goals for 2014 - removing debris from the river and plan more activities on the river.
- Suggestions for a new member for the Greenway Committee were discussed:  
Fran Stanley has suggested the following persons for consideration:
  1. Jane Metzger (geologist)
  2. Mary Metzger (environmental writer)
  3. Greg Fishbone (attorney and writer)
  4. Bob Hill (teacher)David and Marion will approach suggested candidates as to their interest in serving on the Greenway Committee.

- Marion reported that Jean Fitch is working on a history of Fitch's Bridge. The Groton Historical Society has expressed an interest in the piece. The paper will be submitted to the local newspapers as well.
- River Festival Planning
  1. Pete Carson reported that there is \$2000. from the Groton Trust Lecture Fund for music and entertainment and \$450. from the MA Cultural Council earmarked for Native American drumming.
  2. We have a permit for Sunday, June 8 for the River Festival.  
Marion will coordinate with Pete on notifying everyone who participated with booths and activities last year.
  3. John Wiesner will be contacted for music with kids.
  4. Groton Firefighters Association will be contacted regarding providing food.
  5. Russ is on board for fundraising.
  6. A kickoff meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 22 at 7:30 PM, after the Greenway meeting at 7:00PM.

The next Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 22, at 7 PM at Groton Town Hall.

Upon a motion by Marion Stoddart, seconded by Adam Burnett, it was

VOTED: to adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coutrier, Secretary

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