

Groton Greenway Committee  
Open Session minutes of March 27, 2014  
Town Hall

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

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

VOTED: to accept the amended minutes of the March 5, 2014 Groton Greenway meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

- I. Littleton Horse Association Suggestions for Fitch's Bridge Improvements  
Judy Lorimer and Pat Lawrence attended the meeting and the following points were made during a discussion regarding horse use of Fitch's Bridge:
  - The bolt heads make it difficult to lay a wearing surface.
  - A rubber skid strip (wear tread) could be placed between the bolts down the middle of the bridge.
  - Two feet would be the minimum width necessary for the strip.
  - Pat will research the cost of the strip after she receives the measurements from David.
  - The strip should be as wide as possible.
  - Marion questioned the longevity of the tread and Pat replied that hers has lasted 15 years.
  - It was recommended that the strip be bolted down.
  - David will speak with the highway dept. regarding installation of the strip.
  - Signage was suggested for safety. Pat suggested "For your safety, if a horse is on the bridge, please wait until it reaches the other side before crossing". Other suggestions: "Bicycles Yield to Horses" or a pictorial sign.
  - We will meet with the Littleton Horse Association again in a couple of months.
- II. Update on Nod Road Project
  - Adam reported that he is following through with the leads from his research.
- III. River Festival Planning
  1. Adam will look into getting a Groton Greenway banner made for the Greenway table.
  2. Adam will check on the Anadromons Fish program at U.S. Fish & Wildlife regarding an exhibit with fish.
  3. David Manugian will be a tour guide for one of the boats to Fitch's Bridge.
  4. Food: Betsey Reeves from Groton Firefighters Association reported that they do not have a foodservice license so they can only sell hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, chips and drinks (including water). They do have a license from the Board of Health.

David reported that the River Festival is covered by the town for liability insurance. A trailer will be brought and set up at the designated space at the River Festival. Betsey requested that she be shown the location for the trailer a couple of weeks before the festival. Approximate cost of a hamburger - \$4.00.

5. We are still looking for a yoga person. Other alternatives might be "Fitness Your Way" or Luth Family Karate. Marion will inquire about Luth yoga also.
6. Adam will check on distribution of flyers to the schools.
7. Pete will update the sandwich boards.
8. Russ has a goal of raising \$1200.
9. Marion read the list of exhibitors and David read the list of activities.

The next Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7 PM at Groton Town Hall. The River Festival planning group will meet at 7:30 PM.

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

VOTED: to adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coutrier, Secretary

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