

Groton Greenway Committee
Open Session minutes of July 24, 2014
Town Hall

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

We welcome Greg Gemmell as a new member of the Groton Greenway Committee.

Upon a motion by Carol Coutrier, seconded by Adam Burnett, it was

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Groton Greenway meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

- I. Fitch's Bridge Update
 - A. David measured the distance between the bolts on the bridge at 22" apart, so there should be no problem putting down the rubber between them.
 - B. Accessibility
 1. The distance between the granite blocks needs to be 48 inches instead of the current measurement of 45 inches. The DPW should remove the blocks. David will speak with Michelle for next steps.
 2. David removed the rope ladder on the bridge.
 3. People have been using the bridge area as a canoe launch.
- II. Nod Road Update
 - A. Adam gave a review of the Nod Road situation.
 - B. Greg will work with Adam on the project and Mark Deuger will get in touch with Adam also. Marion will send the email address to Adam.
 - C. Greg will speak with David Black of the Wetlands Commission so he can be included in the loop.
- III. River Festival Budget Update
 - A. David reported that all invoices have been paid.
 - B. He needs receipts from Pete and Diane for port a potties and tents (about \$250.)
- IV. Greenway Duties
 - A. David will send Carol the procedure for filing of the minutes.
 - B. Adam will take some of the treasurer's responsibilities.
 - C. Greg will post the meetings and agenda with the town.
- V. Greenway Outreach
 - A. We will introduce ourselves to the new owners of the Groton Nursery.
 - B. We want to encourage other towns to have Greenway Committees.

- C. The Greenway video can be used.
 - D. We need to identify people to view the video, which shows how individuals can make a difference in the long term protection of the river.
- VI. Freedom's Way Trail Day
- A. We will work with the Trails Committee and find out how to take advantage of our blue trails on the river.
- VII. Mosquito Spraying
- A. Marion and David will go to the Board of Health to get more information on spraying along the river.
- VIII. Planting of Butterfly Path
- A. Marion reported that she and Alison marked sites suitable for planting milkweed.
 - B. Groton Place was suggested as a good spot for the plantings, also Canner property along the Squanacook.
 - C. Planting will occur in Sept.
 - D. We need to know the locations and the number of plugs.

Our next Greenway Committee meeting will be held on August 14, 2014; thereafter we will meet on the third Thursday of each month.

Upon a motion by Marion Stoddart, seconded by Greg Gemmell, it was

VOTED: to adjourn.

The vote was unanimous.