

David Pitkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Legion Hall. Members Marion Stoddart, Craig Gemmell and Carol Coutrier were present.

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the Jan. 30, 2015, Groton Greenway meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

I. Update on Nod Road

A. Craig Gemmell reported:

- He and Adam are working on a methodology for organic testing at the dump site and exploring what research has been done on water quality.
- A question was raised regarding the reason for the reflective mailbox type numbers along the river.
- Adam and Craig plan to get together to polish the methodology for soil profiling in April.
- Craig will ask Adam regarding contacting the Groton Dept. of Public Health.
- Methodology should be ready by the middle of March.
- Marion: When to contact the Board of Selectmen: After the methodology is put together.

II. Milkweed Plug Plantings

- Alison and Craig are coordinating ordering the plugs and growing them, utilizing Groton community engagement for planting.

III. Event on May 9

A. Marion reported that Sue Edwards is producing a 10 minute documentary interviewing people who have given or sold land (20 acres or more) for conservation, "Greenway Heroes Profiles"

- The purpose of the event is to show the film and inspire others to become land conservationists. There will be live Bluegrass music and a pot luck supper.
- On March 24 there will be a dinner party for the event captains.

IV. Groton Conservation Summit

- David attended the event sponsored by the Groton Conservation Trust for all conservation groups in Groton.

**V. May Connecting Communities Event**

- There will be a hiking /biking event in the morning, ending with a lecture by Mike Roberts. The Greenway video may be shown.
- Marion: The Nashua River Rail Trail walk will take place on June 27.

**VI. Groton River Festival**

**Pete Carson and Ryan Stevens joined the group.**

- The site is secured.
- Grants: \$1500. – Lecture Fund and \$500. – Groton Cultural
- Ryan suggested Drawbridge of Lunenburg for a puppet show featuring the river.
- Coordinators for the projects and schedule of events are needed.
- Ryan will help coordinate cardboard canoe race.
- Russ will do fundraising.
- Pete will handle the tent.
- Budget: Greenway still has \$850. in unrestricted funds.
- Additional tent will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Food: Pete has already contacted Betsy of Groton Firefighters Association.
- Graphic Design: Craig will contact someone for graphic design.
- Pete will contact Shelly regarding Arts & Crafts.
- Marketing: Marion will contact Darcy Donald .
- Flyers for the schools: David will coordinate with Adam for distribution.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on March 19, 2015.

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

VOTED: to adjourn.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Coutrier