

Groton Greenway Committee
Open Session Minutes, Sept. 16, 2015
Legion Hall

David Pitkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Legion Hall. Members Marion Stoddart and Carol Coutrier were present. Matt McCracken was also present.

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2015, Groton Greenway meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

- I. Sign for Horse Travel on Fitch's Bridge
 - Marion reported that she had contacted Judy Lorimer regarding a sign for the bridge, "Do not pass when horses on bridge".
 - David will work on the sign issue.
- II. New Member for Greenway Committee: Matt McCracken
 - Marion and David explained the goals and mission of the Groton Greenway Committee for Matt, including:
 - River Festival
 - Protect the Greenway 300 feet back from the river
 - Quality of the river a priority
 - Habitat for wildlife
 - Protect the flood plain and wetlands
 - Protect the trail system next to the river
 - 200 miles are now protected.
- III. DeCilio Property
 - Marion led a discussion of the DeCilio property:
 - DeCilio's want to sell 14 acres, and Groton School is playing a part. Groton School will acquire 7 acres and another person in Groton will hold another 4-5 acres. Therefore, there will be a public entry from Rt. 225 to the property.
- IV. Al Futterman's Power Point Presentation
 - Expand the riparian buffers along the Squanacook River.
 - Al would like Groton Greenway support and asked for our help in identifying land along the Squanacook River that needs reforestation.
 - One area is Hollingsworth and Vose area and also Deluxe Bertozzi area is eroded.

V. Milkweed Planting Project

- Marion and Alison met with Ben and Susan Black.
- Alison offered to pay Ben Black to prepare the area for planting.
- Ben will dig up 10 plots areas for \$300.
- Alison will check with the sustainability commission to cover the cost; otherwise, Alison will cover it.
- Cost of seed is \$195.
- Alison asked if Groton Greenway could pay \$100.
- Alison will need to submit cancelled check or credit card/bank statement.

VI. "Greenway Heroes" Film

- Marion reported that Groton Greenway may want to sponsor Susan Edwards' film, "Greenway Heroes", which was made to show in people's homes, to identify and encourage others to become Greenway Heroes.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Oct. 15, 2015, at 7 PM

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

VOTED: to adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Coutrier