Groton Greenway Committee Open Session Minutes, Dec. 3, 2015 Small Conference Room, Town Hall

David Pitkin called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM in the small conference room at Town Hall. Members Marion Stoddart, David Pitkin, Adam Burnett, and Matt McCracken were present. Carol Coutrier was absent.

- I. October 21 2015 minutes were discussed. Corrections were made. Marion Stoddart made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Matt McCracken seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- II. David Pitkin reported on the Fitch's Bridge Accessibility assessment report.
- III. Marion Stoddart provided an update on Pollinator Planting at Groton Place. Planting has been started but is not complete. They'll need more help to complete the planting the following weekend. After that, Alison Dolbear will plant as much as possible in the ground that has been prepared for planting. Alison provided a draft of her Groton Place Kiosk information display.
- IV. David Pitkin proposed Sunday, June 12, for River Festival 2016. He will check with Peter Carson about the date. The goal is to have the festival prior to school closing for the summer. David Pitkin proposed to send a survey to exhibitors and sponsors for feedback to improve the festival for next year. David will prepare a draft survey.
- V. Marion Stoddart provided an update on the DeCilio Property. The Conservation Commission will be talking about the property on their December 8 meeting.
- VI. Adam Burnett presented a draft proposal for the Greenway Committee's study of the Nod Road/Old Dump Site. A funding source will be needed for chemical and geotechnical testing of water and soil. The committee will need to seek funds from donated resources.
 - Tasks: Which tasks we can do now with known resources. Adam Burnett stated that he has collected much of the background information from Town files, but still needs to locate the set of design plans for the reclamation work, which are referenced in the Town files, and any as-builts or notes on what was completed.
 - Water: NRWA conducts some water tests, and could be of assistance. There may be testing available by Devens and Pepperell wastewater Treatment Plants.
 - Adam Burnett will look into these potential sources.
 - Feedback to Selectmen: Dave Pitkin will draft a letter and meet with Mark Haddad in order for us to get permission to go on site and perform the reconnaissance, installation of testing equipment, collection, and testing.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on January 21, 2016, at 7 PM

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

VOTED: to adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Adam Burnett