

Groton Greenway Committee
Open Session Minutes, 1.25.17
Upstairs Lunch Room, Town Hall

Marion Stoddart called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in the upstairs lunch room at Town Hall. Members Carol Coutrier, and Adam Burnett, were present, joined by guest Chris Moore. David Pitkin joined the group at 7:20.

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the Dec. 8, 2016 Groton Greenway Committee meeting.
The vote was unanimous.

- I. Greenway Committee Replacement
 - A. Bob Kelly will be contacted.
 - B. Jean Niemoller will be contacted
 - C. Marion contacted the town clerk to see if there was anything in the Charter to prevent us from having 7 members instead of 5. The town manager would need to be contacted and we would need to explain to him why we would need 7 members.
 - D. A discussion on this issue ensued:
 - 1. Adam can take on the chairmanship
 - 2. David will focus on the River Festival.
 - 3. David will continue the treasurer side of things.
 - 4. We will leave the number on the committee to 5.

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

VOTED: to accept Adam Burnett as Chairman of the Groton Greenway Committee, to begin at the end of this meeting.
The vote was unanimous.

- II. River Festival
 - A. Permit has been obtained and River Festival will be held on June 11, 2017.
 - B. David spoke with Pete Carson and he wants to continue to hold River Festival this year.
- III. 207 Gratuity Rd. Property
 - A. Marion spoke with Bob Pine and others.

- B. Marion spoke with assessors office and found that the property price is down to \$613,000.
- C. Fish and Wildlife is not interested in the property.
- D. Groton Conservation Trust may be interested in buying the whole property and then selling the house.
- E. David: GCT would need to do fundraising campaign in order to be able to do this.

IV. Fitch's Bridge

- A. Adam offered to remove the barriers on Fitch's Bridge with permission from the highway department.

Business not anticipated within 24 hours:

- I. Marion: Nashua River Watershed Association is forming a new Greenway Committee for all the areas along the greenway. Watershed Association will appoint some of their directors to be on the committee. The Marion Stoddart Greenway fund will be used to assist in acquisition of land.
 - A. Carol – What will our role be?
 - B. Marion – Our role would be to use the film “Greenway Heroes”, for example, to aide in identification of people who might want to donate their land. We would look at people who own land along the river for candidates.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Feb. 22, 2017, 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