

Groton Greenway Committee
Open Session Minutes, 6.29.17
Small Meeting Room, Town Hall

Adam Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the lunch room at Town Hall. Members Carol Coutrier, David Pitkin, and Marion Stoddart were present. Guest Diane Carson also was present.

Upon a motion by Carol Coutrier, seconded by David Pitkin, it was

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2017, Groton Greenway Committee meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

- I. Review of River Festival
 - A. Marion: Great festival. There were fewer people and exhibits. Bluebird boxes were missed. Ducks, Unltd. should be invited next year.
 - B. All agreed that we should hold River Festival next year.
 - C. June 10 was selected as the date for next year's River Festival.
 - D. Diane: 60 people took canoe rides. She will schedule public access in Oct. and write a thank you letter for the newspapers
 - E. Groton School donated \$500. for the lunches for exhibitors.
 - F. We need someone to do the Bluebird boxes next year.
 - G. Carol suggested family friendly yoga for next year.
 - H. We need someone to do the marketing next year which will include info. to the public schools and an insert for the newspaper.
 - I. David: We owe a thank you to our supporters. Posters need to be picked up. He will send out a survey to exhibitors.
- II. Update on New Appointment to Greenway Committee
 - A. Marion will check to see if we can have 6 members.

Note: Current Greenway Committee members need to be sworn in at Town Hall.

- III. Nod Road Update
 - A. Marion took Alison to Nod Road site and couldn't get in because it was all grown up. There was uncertainty about the possibility of toxic soil regarding planting the area with Milkweed.
 - B. Adam will talk with Ralph Baker of the NRWA Board who is a soil scientist.
- IV. Land Availability Updates
 - A. NRWA Greenway Committee has money to assist in the acquisition of land.
- V. Milkweed Planting at Groton Place

- A. Marion went with Alison to look at the Groton Place site. Alison does not want the field to be cut until the first of Sept. \$5000. was made available to prepare the soil and make it viable for planting.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on July 27, 2017.

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

VOTED: to adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Coutrier