

Groton Greenway Committee
Open Session Minutes, 12.14.17, 7 PM
Lunch Room, Town Hall

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

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the Oct. 12, 2017, Groton Greenway Committee meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

- I. River Festival
 - A. June 10, 2018, is the date.
 - B. David: We need a marketing coordinator. He will send out a list of tasks.
 - C. Marion: We need a deadline for contacting all the groups – perhaps March 1.
 - D. David: Coordinators are needed for:
 - Cardboard Canoe Race
 - Children's Arts & Crafts
 - Marketing
 - Food
 - E. Adam will send to Greenway Committee all relevant information from TRELLO.
 - F. Marion & Pete will coordinate booth exhibitors and activities.
 - G. Brainstorming Ideas for Activities, etc.
 - Creature Teacher
 - Turtles
 - Native Americans
 - Puppets, if possible
 - Ducks Unltd.
 - Nashoba Paddler
 - Natives & Invasives Identification (Adam will contact Invasives Committee)
 - Bird Walk, Naturalist Walk (Russ Murray)
 - Wild Animals – Fish and Game
 - Fish, Herring – U.S. Fish & Wildlife
 - Casting, Fly Fishing
 - Insects – Michael Veit
 - Arts/Crafts
 - Pebble Bottom Singers
 - Yoga Class for everyone

Bluebird Box Building

- II. Wild and Scenic River Study
 - A. Marion attended the hearings and conveyed that the Greenway Committee wants to support the restoration of anadromous fish and support the passage of migrating fish.
- III. Nod Road Dump Site
 - A. Adam has contacted Ralph Baker several times regarding attending a meeting. He will contact Mark Haddad regarding permission to collect samples.
- IV. Land Availability
 - A. Marion spoke at a meeting held on Dec. 13 with representatives from the Park Dept., Historical Commission and Groton Conservation Commission. She reported that the Dept. of Transportation is researching for any historical/cultural value in the derelict building on the Squannacook at 225 bridge in West Groton, Property # 101-12. Marion conveyed the interest of the Groton Greenway Committee that the property be purchased, and that if there is no historical or cultural value in the property, it should be torn down, and the little park adjacent to it expanded. Marion and Adam will speak with Mark Haddad regarding these issues.
 - B. David: We need to know the cost of tearing down the building and expanding the park.
- V. Milkweed/Butterfly Project
 - A. Marion reported that Alison Dolbear has enlisted the help of Boy Scout Troop #3 in West Groton to create the butterfly garden.
- VI. Groton Greenway Committee Annual Report for the Town Report
 - David will send a copy of last year's Groton Greenway Committee report for the Town Report to Adam to assist in preparation for this year's report.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Thurs, Feb. 8, 2018, 7 PM.

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

VOTED: to adjourn

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Coutrier