

Groton Greenway Committee  
Open Session Minutes, 12.13.18, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall

Adam Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. Members Carol Coutrier and Carole Greenfield were present. Marina Khabituyeva was also present. Guests were Marion Stoddart and Anne Gagnon.

- I. Upon a motion by Carol Coutrier, seconded by Carole Greenfield, it was

VOTED: to accept the amended minutes of the Nov. 7, 2018, Groton Greenway Committee meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

- II. Review of Action Items from 11.7.18 GGC Meeting
- A. Adam has recommended Marina Khabituyeva to the Board of Selectmen as a member of the Groton Greenway Committee to be taken up at their Dec. 17 meeting.
  - B. Adam will contact the conservation agent to discuss Nod Road and the Open Space Plan. He will also discuss approaches and ideas on how to deal with littering at Fitch's Bridge.
  - C. List of businesses that have supported the River Festival will not need to be made.
  - D. Carol has sent the contact list of Greenway members as well as dates to meet through June, 2019.
- III. Land Conservation Opportunities: Guest Speaker Anne Gagnon, MA Dept. of Fish and Game
- A. Anne Gagnon is the land agent for the NE District Office in Ayer.
  - B. She shared a Power Point presentation, "Protecting Wildlife and Plants"
  - C. Goals:
    - a. Protect ecosystems, biological diversity
    - b. Buy land
    - c. Conservation restrictions (buy development rights)
  - D. Funding: Majority comes from the Environmental Bond Bill
  - E. Projects are ranked by 5 land agents throughout the state.
  - F. Marion: Greenway Committee can identify parcels and relay them to Anne.
  - G. Areas in Groton that need protection were discussed (across from Nashoba Paddler, for example)
  - H. Access MA Wild Lands Viewer to see all lands acquired.

- I. Greenway Heroes film (Vimeo) will inspire people to donate land.
  - J. One suggestion: Invite land owners to an event and show film that the Greenway Committee produced.
  - K. Invite Anne and Marion to the next Groton Greenway meeting.
  - L. Carole will scan the Open Space and Recreation Plan section provided by Marion and send to Carol. She will send to Greenway Committee members.
- IV. Action Items
- A. Adam will meet with the Conservation Agent to discuss Open Space Plan, Nod Road and littering at Fitch's Bridge.
  - B. Adam will invite Anne Gagnon and Marion Stoddart to the next meeting.
  - C. Carole will scan the Open Space and Recreation Plan section that Marion provided and send to the Greenway Committee.
  - D. Carole will email David Pitkin re: confirmation of date of River Festival, banner, sandwich board and Ducks Unlimited reservations. She will also ask about the town calendar.
  - E. Due to time constraints, the remainder of agenda items will be postponed until the next meeting.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Jan. 10, 2019 at Town Hall at 7 PM..

Upon a motion by Carole Greenfield, seconded by Carol Coutrier, it was

VOTED: to adjourn.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Coutrier