

Groton Greenway Committee
Open Session Minutes, 9.26.19, 7:00 PM
Town Hall

Adam Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. Members Carol Coutrier, Marina Khabituyeva, and David Pitkin were present. Marion Stoddart joined the meeting as a guest.

I. Upon a motion by Marina, seconded by Carol, it was

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2019, Groton Greenway Committee meeting.

The vote was unanimous

II. River Festival

A. Notes on the Festival:

- \$234.00 was raised at the entrance.
- At least 430 people attended.
- Carole emailed a concern about the process for exhibitors to be paid (arts & crafts, specifically). The budget should be checked first to confirm the amount allotted for the activity. Invoices should be signed asap. Town Hall generally cuts checks every 2 weeks. The activity leader should be told that it will take 2-4 weeks to be paid.

Upon a motion by Carol, seconded by Marina, it was

VOTED: to set June 7, 2020 as the date for River Festival, 2020.

The vote was unanimous.

- David will check on when the banner space can be reserved.
- Pete will reserve the site and contact the exhibitors.
- David: We need to start now with lining up people for next year.
- Marion offered to write a thank you note to MA Fish and Wildlife for the Family Fishing activity/exhibit.
- Adam: More small life jackets will be needed for next year.

III. Nod Road Site

A Adam and Marina have been doing water testing at Nod Brook once/month.

B. High conductivity has been noted.

- C. They observed on the downstream left bank of Nod Brook exposed layers of garbage due to erosion, including batteries, tires etc. There is a lot of dissolved metals leaching into the ground water. Marina has photos of the site.
- D. There is a need to further stabilize the site so that the site can have other uses, such as a place for ground nesting birds.
- E. Adam plans to re-contact Nic Gualco and Takishi regarding more serious testing. Also, perhaps contact the Board of Health,
- F. The Board of Selectmen is responsible for this parcel of land.
- G. Marion suggested contacting the 2 landowners along the river and perhaps establish a trail. We need to create a plan/vision of what would happen, such as
 - 1. A pedestrian trail with a gravel path.
 - 2. Manage the site as a meadow, cutting the existing trees.Fish and Wildlife may be interested in helping out.

IV. Gratuity Brook

- A. ANRAD is in front of the Conservation Commission.
- B. It is an area of critical environmental concern.
- C. Fish and Wildlife might be a potential buyer. Marion will speak with Ann Gagnon.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019, 7 PM at Town Hall.

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

VOTED: to adjourn.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Coutrier