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