

# Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Nashua River Watershed Association

Attending:

Mark Cram, Peter Carson, Bruce Easom, Al Futterman, Steve Meehan, Bill Rideout, Rollin Willis, Joan Wotkowicz

Guest: Anne O'Connor, Nashoba Publications

### Newsletter

Bill Rideout sent out our first newsletter using Constant Contact and was impressed with the service, which will cost us about \$15 per month. He sent the newsletter to ~290 people on our mailing list. ~ 60 emails failed, ~ 150 successfully received it, and 10 replied. We should all forward the newsletter to our personal contacts.

Bill also added a button on our home page that people can use to sign up for the newsletter. Rollin Willis offered to be the second administrator for Constant Contact.

When we have a date for our meeting with the Townsend Board of Selectmen, Joan Wotkowicz and Peter Carson will develop a message for a second newsletter reminding people to attend the meeting.

### FaceBook

Peter Carson reported that we have more than 30 friends on FaceBook and they are coming in steadily. When we have a date for the Townsend BOS meeting, he will post on our page.

### Townsend Police Department

Bill Rideout talked to Chief Marshall and set up a meeting for Wed. Sept 26 at 3 P.M. Bill and Steve Meehan will attend.

### Townsend Harbor Sidewalk

We considered alternative strategies in case Townsend redirects the funds allotted for

sidewalk study. Mark Cram will ask the Design Engineering consultants for a rough estimate of the study cost.

### Environmental Permitting

Bruce Easom obtained the packet of permitting forms from the Groton Conservation Commission and reviewed the Mass GIS maps for the 100' wetland buffer zone in Groton. The forms will require signature of the owner, so we must wait until we have the agreement between DCR and the MBTA before we can submit.

Al Futterman and Bruce Easom will schedule a meeting with Pat Huckaree of MA Fish & Wildlife to review our plans.

### Additional Business

Rollin Willis reported on his research into database tools for fundraising.

Bill Rideout announced the upcoming Moving Together Conference, but noted that recent conferences have focused on paved trails.

Minutes of our August 22 meeting with corrections were approved unanimously with one abstention.

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### Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Thursday, October 18** at 7:00 p.m. at the Nashua River Watershed Association.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

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