

Squannacook Greenways, Inc. - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Attendees

Directors

Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Dale Gates, Emma Grazier, Tim Palmer, Bill Rideout, Linda Mack, Dan Hager, Frank Murphy

Guests

Members of Girl Scout Troop 64918

Agenda

1. Guest Presentation: Irene Congdon | Girl Scouts Bike Rodeo, June 19
2. Review [February meeting minutes](#)
3. Project updates
 - o Groton extension
 - o Townsend extension
 - o Old Meetinghouse Rd/Meehan Bridge
 - o Townsend Harbor activities
4. Maintenance & events
 - o Earth Day
 - o 250th march
5. Grants
6. Financial & fundraising reports
7. Schedule next meeting & adjourn

Action Items

- ❖ Emma to send Irene the SG logo (done)
- ❖ Emma to revise SG brochure for Earth Day (in progress)

Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

1. **Guest Presentation: Girl Scout Troop 64918 (Townsend & Pepperell) | Girl Scouts Bike Rodeo, Thursday, June 19, 2025 (Juneteenth Holiday)**

Bike Rodeo is Townsend & Pepperell Troop 64918's Silver Project

Project will address our community's lack of basic bicycle skills & knowledge. Skills covered include helmet information, how to mount and dismount safely, how to brake, how to move forward, rules of the road, and more!

Audience is primarily elementary & middle schoolers, but open to everyone.

Rented NMRHS parking lot for Thursday, June 19 (Federal Holiday - Juneteenth).

Cyclists will practice skills and then get a certificate. Perhaps have ice cream at Cherry Hill Too afterwards...

Girl Scouts' requests of Squannacook Greenways:

Event Planning:

- Emma send Irene the logo (done)
- Can our board make a team?
- Can we bring cool/unique bikes (e.g., unicycle, tandem, etc.)?
- Can we bring some literature about the trail to Earth Day and give extras to Girl Scouts to distribute at the bike rodeo?

Day of Event:

- Help facilitate bikers crossing the street to use the rail trail and potentially at other key waypoints (Planet Fitness trail entrance, street crossings, etc.)

Irene's Contact Info: irene_congdon1@yahoo.com | 978-597-9191

2. Project updates

Groton Extension

- Peter is dealing with Greystone Realty on freight rights. Conferring w/ Groton Town Counsel on solutions aside from abandonment.
- Peter to use engineering plans/cross-section from website to share w/ G&W

Townsend Extension

- None

Old Meetinghouse Rd/Meehan Bridge

- Bill briefed Colby Streeter (new Townsend Con Com agent) on our status with this project. Colby thinks it would be a great idea for the town to pursue installing a bridge across the Squannacook.

Townsend Harbor

- Harbor Church still waiting on septic approval
- Gary planning to resurface the two bridges in harbor

3. Maintenance & events

Townsend Earth Day Event

- Saturday, 4/26 from 10-3
- Volunteers to join Mark?
- Emma to revise the flyer from last year.

May Trail Work Day

- Scheduled for Saturday, 5/10 from 9-12ish

Townsend 250th Celebration March

- Saturday, 4/19 (begins at 11 AM on Townsend Common)
- Volunteers to direct marchers down the trail?
- Possible work day to clean trail beforehand?

4. Grants

MassTrails

- Awaiting decision. Expect to hear by July 3.

Wild & Scenic

- Received check for remaining funds
- Need to spend by end of April

5. Financial & fundraising reports

Bill presented the financial & fundraising reports - not much activity in February.

6. Review [February meeting minutes](#)

Minutes reviewed and approved.

7. Schedule next meeting & adjourn

Next meeting: April 23 at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned 7:58 PM