

Squannacook Greenways, Inc. | September Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Attendees

Directors

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

Guests

Shlomiya Lightfoot

Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

1. Project Updates

- a. Groton Extension
 - i. No update
- b. Townsend Harbor
 - i. We receive occasional comments on Facebook requesting a ramp on the bridge near the Grist Mill. Mark will consider options.
- c. Townsend Extension
 - i. Greystone is requesting to see engineering plans before they grant us the lease. Amanda is looking into whether they can give us something (more formal than an email) confirming that if we spend money on engineering and design that we will be granted the lease.

2. Maintenance & Events

- a. Fall Clean-Up Day to occur Saturday, 11/8, 9-11 AM (rain date 11/9)
 - i. Meet at Cherry Hill Too and then divide into groups (few people with leaf blowers, then most people with rakes to get leaves off the edges).
- b. Discussion about drainage issue behind Harbor Auto Body - no action taken.
- c. Mark and Bill met w/ Michael Jones (Eagle Scout candidate who is building the kiosk). He is raising more money and plans to begin work in the spring.

3. Grants & Collaborations

- a. MassTrails Grant
 - i. Received feedback from Stantec on our RFP and modified it to have different line items for original bridge structure reuse vs. brand new bridge.
 - ii. Dillis and Roy said they plan to bid.
 - iii. VHB and David Ross have declined to bid.
- b. Indigenous Landscape Initiative (InLand)
 - i. Shlomiya Lightfoot joined us to discuss her [initial report from our July trail walk](#) and thoughts on potential collaborative activities.
 - ii. Board discussed two initial areas for partnership:

1. Area behind Harbor Church. Shlomiya to meet with Bill, Joan, et al. to discuss and develop a proposal.
 2. Area near Depot Street. Discussed this area being a good fit for the Middlesex Conservation District's Lawn-to-Meadow Program. Joan and Shlomiya to attend training next Monday to find answers to our initial questions.
 - iii. Shlomiya and Emma will work to develop a more formal MOU for one or more of the above projects.
4. **Financial & Fundraising Reports**
 - a. Bill shared financial and fundraising reports.
5. **Review September Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Bill moved. Joan second. All in favor.
6. **Schedule Next Meeting & Adjourn**
 - a. Wednesday, Nov 19 at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM