Squannacook Greenways, Inc. - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Attendees

Directors	Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Emma Grazier, Frank Murphy, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz, Dan Hager, Linda Mack
Guests	Wynne Treanor-Kvenvold (Wild & Scenic Council)

Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

1. Wild & Scenic Interpretive Sign Discussion, Wynne Treanor-Kvenvold (Wild & Scenic Council)

   SRRT received a proposal from Rob Templeton (Townsend's W&S Council rep) to install an interpretive sign at Fishermen's Parking Lot. A similar sign was installed at Adams Dam Park last year. The sign will explain the importance of wild and scenic rivers and feature information about how the Squannacook River fits into the larger ecosystem. Funding for the signs will come from the National Park Service.

   Board members noted that we have another kiosk slated to be installed in the Fishermen's location as part of an Eagle Scout project (two posts are currently installed as placeholders). It shouldn't be a problem to have both signs.

   The BOD approved Wild & Scenic's proposal to place an interpretive sign at the Fishermen's Parking Lot. (Motion: Joan, Second: Linda, Vote: all in favor)

2. Project Updates
   a. Groton Extension

      Peter is in the final stages of getting the contract signed with Greystone Realty/MBTA.

      The BOD approved a motion allowing Peter to sign the lease with the MBTA upon receipt. (Motion: Bill, Second: Linda, Vote: all in favor)

   b. Townsend Harbor

      Shlomiya is putting together a price proposal for the Townsend Historical Society (THS) for an invasive species removal project.

Dillis & Roy is engineering the THS parking lot and will submit a plan to the Townsend Conservation Commission for the parking lot, landscaping, and invasive species management all as one permit.

c. Townsend Extension

Townsend was selected by the MA Division of Ecological Restoration for a preliminary design engineering study on removing Adams Dam. Wynne from Wild & Scenic notes that NRWA tends to be in favor of dam removal in general, and the dam removal study is a good first step.

3. Maintenance and Events
    a. Townsend 250th parade

    Townsend's 250th parade will be on Saturday, June 20, starting at Yee's Village and proceeding down Rt. 119 to the Townsend Common.

    The BOD approves a motion for Squannacook Greenways to participate in Townsend's 250th parade by providing a bicycle decorating station for kids. (Motion: Bill, Second: Linda, Vote: all in favor)

4. Grants and Collaborations
    a. MassTrails Grant
        i. 2025 grant:

        We awarded RFP contracts to Dillis & Roy, LEC (wetlands), and Mackenzie Engineering (trestles and washouts in Groton). There are six total contracts: three for Townsend and three for Groton. Bill will let the Board know when the kickoff meeting is scheduled.

        ii. 2026 grant: Did not submit a MassTrails grant for 2026.

    b. InLand Partnership - Wild & Scenic Community Grant

    InLand is submitting an application for a Wild & Scenic Community Grant (due March 6) and would like a letter of support from Squannacook Greenways.

    The BOD agrees to provide InLand with a letter of support for the Wild & Scenic Community Grant proposal. (Motion: Linda, Second: Bill, Vote: all in favor)

5. Financial and Fundraising Reports

Bill gave a personal loan to Squanacook Greenways as seed money, then wrote ~$16k in checks for retainers for selected contractors. Once these checks are deposited, Bill will request reimbursement from MassTrails.
The Board reviewed Bill's financial report and had no questions.

6. Review November Meeting Minutes

   The BOD reviewed and approved the November meeting minutes. (Motion: Bill, Second: Joan, Vote: all in favor)

7. Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn

   Next meeting: March 18.

Meeting adjourned 7:47 PM