

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: 11/5 meeting minutes
Date: December 11, 2012 10:30:37 AM EST
To: Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>
Cc: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "jamesrayres@gmail.com" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "nealbastek@gmail.com" <nealbastek@gmail.com>, "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, "ndines@larp.umass.edu" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "todd_lynch@comcast.net" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "marvin.j.ward@gmail.com" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi Sean,

At last night's meeting, we confirmed with Charlene the Town Administrator that we can safely create a Google Doc or equivalent to serve as our Funding Parking lot. Jim has agreed to set it up, so if you want to pass your doc along to him we can get that going.

The minutes will show we've got this document on file and we can easily make it available to anyone who wishes to have a look at it.

Next meeting Jan 7.

gaby

On Mon, Dec 10, 2012 at 3:58 PM, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi all,

I have a conflict this evening with my daughters choir performance and will not be able to make the meeting.

I have created a document which can serve as list of funding sources/ opportunities/ ideas. The things that are currently on the list come from the PVPC proposal for work on the Greenway that many of you have probably seen.

I have a question about how to share that document with everyone outside of our scheduled monthly meeting times, and how to receive input from you all to add to the document. The open law has me a bit confused on these matters.

My thought is that I could send out a n email copy to everyone and then bring a printed version of the email and the attached document to the next meeting so that it can be put in our file. That way people can be prepared to bring their additions to our next meeting and I can add those to the document for the following meeting, etc...

Any (appropriate and legal) thoughts or comments would be appreciated. My apologies for a second absence in a row.

Sean Gaffney
[413-695-3520](tel:413-695-3520)

On Sun, Dec 9, 2012 at 8:26 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:
With only minor typos corrected, the minutes for the 11/5 meeting are attached in their final form for approval at Monday's meeting. Thanks.

John

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Sean Gaffney
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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: partial MRGC minutes 11/5/12
Date: November 16, 2012 10:52:05 PM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Hi Eric, I ran into Jim tonight and he said he hadn't heard back from you about this, nor have i regarding my request to see about rescheduling Mon 12/10... Can you take the reins so we can get Dec meeting nailed down? Jim and I are both good for Tuesdays, for what it's worth.

thanks,

gaby

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From: **jim ayres** <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 13, 2012 at 3:14 PM

Subject: Re: partial MRGC minutes 11/5/12

To: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Cc: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Rob & Judy Stinson <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Hi All,

I wanted to let you know that I have been in touch with Paul Dunphy about the DOT resurfacing work and how this relates to the work of the Mill River Greenway committee. As I think you know Paul is a Town Selectman as well as being the district aid for State Rep. Kulik.

Initially, Paul thought that no work was scheduled for several years; however, subsequent conversations with DOT confirmed that resurfacing and line painting is in fact scheduled within the next twelve months, as we discussed at the meeting.

Paul and Steve Kulik have requested that Mark Moore, at MassHighway district 1, meet with our committee as soon as possible to discuss the alignment of efforts, probably through attendance at one of our already scheduled meetings.

Eric, can you give me a call to discuss next steps and whether you would like to see this happen at one of our standing meetings or at a specially scheduled one?
w-[413-584-3962](tel:413-584-3962) or h-[413-268-2012](tel:413-268-2012).

Thanks,
Jim

On Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 10:14 AM, Marvin J. Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks, Gaby.

Technically, the Rte 9 project should be described NOT as a "reconstruction" but as a "resurfacing". There will **possibly** be some opportunities for shoulder widening - it has not advanced that far yet - but this will NOT in any way be a re-design, which would entail a huge amount of permitting & delay it for several years. The terminological distinction is important to maintain.

Marvin

On Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 12:57 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hey Folks,
Attached is the "to do" list we generated at the MRGC meeting last Monday. Please review and provide any changes to me or John prior to his including them in the full minutes of the meeting.

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Best regards,
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From: "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org>
Subject: RE: Volunteer
Date: September 17, 2012 1:40:39 PM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Eric –

Yes, Sean Gaffney and Jim Ayres are both from Haydenville.
There are 3 seats still unfilled – it sounds as if you intend Larry West, Charles Dudek, and a woman as yet undetermined.
Eleanor

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 10:22 AM
To: Selectmen
Subject: Re: Volunteer

Hi Eleanor,

Charles isn't from Haydenville, but I was under the impression -- perhaps mistaken -- that Sean and Jim are both from Haydenville. If Larry West joins, he's from Skinnerville *and* right next to the river.

Yes, we're significantly unbalanced in terms of gender, which is part of why I hoped Ruth and/or Markell would join us. Unfortunately Ruth has decided not to join us at this time, and Markell has not responded. I'll encourage the committee to hold the last chair for a woman, preferably from Haydenville. And I'll put recruiting on the next agenda.

If the Select Board wants to table Charles' appointment for a set time in favor of holding both remaining seats for women and/or Haydenville appointees, I wouldn't argue it and I think most of the committee members would understand. (He and committee member Mary Dudek are married -- don't know if that's a plus, minus, or irrelevant as far as the Select Board is concerned.)

I strongly encourage the Select Board to appoint Larry West if he requests it. In addition to where he happens to live, he's a long-time (lifetime?) resident with connections to multiple community groups.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 12, 2012, at 11:52 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –

I think there was concern about the heavy Williamsburg (as opposed to Haydenville) representation; also male as opposed to female. It sounds as if you are recommending the ones you mention. Wasn't there also another woman possibility?

Eleanor

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [<mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:28 AM

To: Selectmen

Subject: Re: Volunteer

Hi Eleanor,

Yes, Charles was at our most recent meeting and expressed interest. I'm glad he contacted you.

Rose Bookbinder has decided not to join the committee at this time, and I haven't heard anything from Markell Smith. I spoke to Larry West at our meeting and reminded him that he needed to contact the Select Board to request appointment to the committee; he said he would.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 12, 2012, at 10:32 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –

Here is a possible new person. I haven't heard from the other three you mentioned.

Eleanor

From: Charles Dudek [<mailto:cjdudek313@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:18 PM

To: selectmen@burgy.org

Subject: Volunteer

I would like to volunteer my time and services to the Town as a member of the Mil River Greenway Committee. I understand there is a vacancy on the committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Charles J. Dudek
12 Old Goshen Road
Williamsburg

[413-268-7940](tel:413-268-7940)

From: Ralmon Black <ralmonblack@gmail.com>

Subject: RSVP'd Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday

Date: October 31, 2012 9:45:02 AM EDT

To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>,

rjstinson@comcast.net, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>, Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>

On 10/31/2012 7:29 AM, Gaby Immerman wrote:

Dear Friends,

This is to confirm that the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee's working group on mapping will be gathering at Smith this Friday, November 2 at noon, to meet with Reid Bertone-Johnson and his students at Smith College. Our goal is to seek Eric Weber's input on the parcel data and cultural/historic layers impacting our target area.

The meeting has been moved to the Landscape Studies studio, which is in a building known as the "Green Box" on campus. I'd like to meet any of you who plan to attend at CEEDS as planned, then walk you over to the studio.

Please RSVP to me so I am certain to gather all of you before departing CEEDS. If you are able to arrive a few minutes early, so much the better.

thank you!
gaby

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Gaby,

Where in Hell is--I mean where in Smith is the "Green Box?" Would it be at the Botanic Garden? Give me a hint and I'll be there 11:15-11:30am, Friday.

Ralmon
From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: MRGC 11/2/12 meeting follow up
Date: November 30, 2012 9:05:43 AM EST

To: John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>
Cc: Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>

Hello John, Todd, Nick, and Neal,

In my role as "sheepdog" to the mapping working group, i'm writing to follow up on a number of map-related items raised at the 11/2 and 11/5 meetings.

We want to be sure Reid B-J's "master maps" are as comprehensive as possible with respect to open spaces, trails, roadways, and "bike-ability" in the target area.

John, can you confirm that all existing data pertaining to mapped trails is represented in Reid's maps, or provide him with that data if needed? And reach out to Paul Jahnige/DCR if needed?

Todd, can you touch base with Reid to confirm he has all available information from the Williamsburg Open Space plan? This would presumably cover open space boundaries and categorization as well as the zoning/regulatory layers.

Neal, can you ensure that Reid's map reflects Nick Horton's existing resources regarding bikeable roadways?

Nick, any progress on procuring digitized versions of the DOT engineering maps you have in hard copy? Reid can incorporate this data into the 'master map' as appropriate.

Reid will be providing base maps for the committee's use at the December 10th meeting that need not reflect the totality of this data. His goal for completing parcel boundary mapping is the end of January, so that's probably a good target time for all of you to confirm he's got the most complete and up-to-date layers possible.

many thanks and please keep me looped in to everyone's progress so I don't needlessly harass anyone!

gaby

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From: Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>
Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder
Date: September 8, 2012 8:34:35 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>

Eric;

I will be presenting a PowerPoint summary of the ASLA work session and will need a projector and computer, if available. Do we have access to a projector and computer. I have the talk on a USB memory stick. I can bring a laptop if needed, but I do not have a projector.

Let me know before Monday.

Thanks.
Nick

On 9/5/12 11:16 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:
P.S. If you're the connection to one of our guest presenters, please make sure they know the meeting will be at Meekins. Thanks!

On Sep 5, 2012, at 11:14 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Remember that we're meeting on this coming [Monday at 7pm](#), at the Community Room in Meekins Library. (*Not* the Town Offices.)

On the agenda:

- informational presentations
- Open Meeting Law
- communications
- mapping
- Great Barrington trip

- membership

I anticipate that the presentations will take up most of the meeting. The other items will mostly be touching base.

Thanks,
Eric

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Nicholas T. Dines, FASLA, Professor Emeritus
Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning
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ndines@larp.umass.edu

From: Wendy and John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>

Subject: Re: draft minutes from 11/2 MRG meeting at Smith

Date: November 8, 2012 11:42:47 AM EST

To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Cc: Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, "Marvin J. Ward"
<marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Neal
Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Ralmon Black <RalmonBlack@gmail.com>, Eric
Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Terrific meeting, Gaby. Thanks for all your work, which will bear excellent results.

j

On Nov 8, 2012, at 11:29 AM, Gaby Immerman wrote:

[hello friends,](#)

[attached are draft minutes from the Williamsburg MRGC Mapping working group meeting that was held at Smith College on Friday Nov 2.](#)

[Please let me know if you have any changes or concerns regarding these minutes before I submit them to the Town Clerk.](#)

[thanks to all for attending and contributing to a very productive session.](#)
[gaby](#)

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<Mill River Greenway Committee meeting minutes 11-2-12.docx>

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging
Date: September 14, 2012 9:49:23 AM EDT
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Hi,

When are best times to meet for you two? My Wednesday evenings are taken, but I'm usually available other weekday evenings.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 3, 2012, at 11:21 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi,

Here's a quick suggestion for something to propose to the Committee as basic points about the current state of our work:

- The basic idea is to create a multipurpose greenway roughly following the path of the Mill River, linking the village centers and providing public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.
- Our first goal is to find out whether the idea is possible, and to report on the feasibility to the the Select Board by June of 2013.
- We plan on respectfully working with local property owners.
- We will be looking into varied sources of funding, public and private.
- We will be working with related town committees and local organizations.

It's basically a distilled version of our mission statement.

What do you think?

thanks,
Eric

From: jhoog@comcast.net

Subject: Re: REMINDER! Mill River Greenway Committee meeting - Monday 8/13 at 7pm

Date: August 13, 2012 8:09:14 AM EDT

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Hi Eric,

The letter sounds fine to me, and is a good idea. I would suggest cc'ing it to the Selectboard, just to keep them in the loop with our activities.

I see Jim Ayres name on the email. Is he in? Checking it out? Are there any other interested persons? I have spoken to a few, but so far have only gotten "well, maybe" as a response.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, NealBastek@gmail.com, "Nick Dines"

<ndines@larp.umass.edu>, CMDudek@yahoo.com, "Gaby

Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Todd Lynch"

<todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin Ward"

<marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, "sean gaffney"

<seannyg@gmail.com>, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 11:58:27 PM

Subject: REMINDER! Mill River Greenway Committee meeting - Monday 8/13 at 7pm

Hi all,

Don't forget our next meeting is Monday 8/13 at 7pm at the town hall.

Agenda:

planning for informational meeting
intro letter to town departments, organizations
public relations
planning for Great Barrington trip
feasibility study organizing

See below for a rough draft of an intro letter to town committees, departments, etc. Please bring your suggestions about the letter to the meeting, as well as ideas for the list of groups who should get a copy.

thanks,
Eric

Mill River Greenway Committee
Williamsburg Town Hall
Haydenville, MA

August [], 2012

Hello,

As you may have heard, on June 14, 2012, the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen voted to create the Mill River Greenway Committee. This committee was created in response to citizen interest in creating a town greenway connecting the village centers of Haydenville and Williamsburg, roughly following the Mill River.

I have included our full mission statement on the back of this letter, but our primary focus at this time is to conduct a study of the basic feasibility of this idea, to be presented to the Select Board by June 2013.

We are reaching out to your [committee/department/group] because we expect that this project may impact your area of [responsibility/interest] and because we will very likely want your input and assistance for the feasibility study, and/or for later phases if this project does turn out to be feasible.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the email/phone# below. Or you can contact the committee via the Williamsburg Town Hall.

Sincerely,
Eric Bloomquist
bearpaw01@earthlink.net
413-268-2091

Who to send a copy to:

Planning Board
Brassworks Reuse Committee
Conservation Commission
Finance Committee
Historical Commission
Open Space Committee
Recreation Commission
School Committee
Woodland Trails

Council on Aging
Fire Department
Highway Department
Library
Police Department
Water and Sewer Commission

Williamsburg Historical Society
Burgundy Bullets
Mill River Greenway Initiative

From: bearpaw01@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday
Date: October 31, 2012 8:05:35 AM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Yes, that should be fine.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 31, 2012, at 7:34 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Eric, would forwarding this email to Brenda be adequate for public notice?
gaby

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From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Wed, Oct 31, 2012 at 7:29 AM
Subject: Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday
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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Subject: partial MRGC minutes 11/5/12

Date: November 8, 2012 12:57:36 PM EST

To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman
<gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten
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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: map working group minutes
Date: October 4, 2012 1:13:27 PM EDT
To: townclerk@burgy.org
Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Hi Brenda,
attached to this email are the minutes from a meeting of the mapping working group of the Mill River Greenway Committee.
thanks a lot,
gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Tue, Oct 2, 2012 at 2:46 PM
Subject: map working group minutes
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

hey folks,

here's the minutes from the map meeting we held with Reid Bertone-Johnson from Smith a couple of weeks ago.

I will have the large watershed map and a basic ortho map of our target area from Reid to bring to the Oct 15 meeting. Students will be working to fill in more detail over the semester.

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From: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 10, 2012 9:53:22 AM EDT
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Reply-To: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>

OK, thanks.
Mary

From: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>; Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>; Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>; Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>; sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>; John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>; Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>; Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>; Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:30 AM
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting

Hi everybody,

Thanks for the responses. Based on them, I'm moving our next meeting to October 23rd. (Sorry Marvin!). I've let Brenda know about the change.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 12:41 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Unfortunately, I have to be out of town for most of the week of October 15. I don't want to simply cancel, because we we have a lot to do by June and I want to keep us going. So I'd like to either reschedule for sometime the following week, or let you all go ahead and meet on the 15th without me. (Gaby has agreed to be Acting Chair if we stick with the 15th.)

I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

Remember, this will be the meeting when we'll lay out the different pieces of "feasibility" and try to set up some timeframes. We've also got Charlene visiting to give a brief presentation and Q&A on the Open Meeting Law.

Thanks,
Eric

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: Misc Greenway things
Date: September 17, 2012 7:22:24 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net, "MCKahn,Danielle j." <DmckKahn@pvpc.org>
Cc: "ndines@larp.umass.edu" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "jamesrayres@gmail.com" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "seannyg@gmail.com" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "todd_lynch@comcast.net" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "marvin.j.ward@gmail.com" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

hey everyone,
Regarding the grant application, Dani, is the writing of this grant something that you could help us with, through a local tech assistance grant from PVPC? And if so, could this grant then cover your more extensive involvement with us in helping "make a plan" for this year?

gaby

On Fri, Sep 14, 2012 at 11:09 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
Hi all,

First, for those of you who haven't seen it, we're front page news. The latest issue of the Country Journal has a nice article about the Greenway and our most recent meeting.

Secondly, someone at the last meeting brought up the possibility of changing our regular meeting schedule. Rather than going through endless back-and-forth about what evenings would work for who, I set up a Doodle scheduling poll. Go to <http://doodle.com/3pvbsbqdkne3iu44#table> and mark all of the possibilities that would work for you most months. (Be sure to click on the button to "Show all 16 options"!)

Thirdly, see the attached file for a grant application with the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Program that Dani from the PVPC passed to me. Unfortunately, the deadline is September 28, so it seems to me we're not really positioned to take advantage of it, but if someone wants to pass this along to the traffic calming folks, maybe they can take a shot at it.

Lastly, don't forget that our field trip to the Great Barrington RiverWalk is next Friday. Meet at the town offices at 8:15am; back by about 2:30pm.

Thanks all,
Eric

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From: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>
Subject: incorrect meeting notice in Gazette and burgy.org calendar
Date: September 17, 2012 4:36:24 PM EDT
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@burgy.org>
Cc: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, John Hoogstraten
<jhoog@comcast.net>

Hi Brenda,

It's come to my attention that there was a notice in today's Gazette about a Mill River Greenway Committee meeting this Thursday, September 20. I see it's on the burgy.org website calendar as well. That's incorrect. The next Greenway Committee meeting is

on October 15. (There will also be one or more smaller, working-group meetings before then, which we will let you know about as they're scheduled.)

Also: Members of the Greenway Committee will be traveling on Friday, September 21 to Great Barrington, MA, to tour the Housatonic River Walk and meet with local organizers about the project. The committee will gather in the Town Offices parking lot [at 8:15am](#) and depart in carpools [at 8:30am](#). We expect to return around [2:30pm](#).

(My understanding is that the Open Meeting Law doesn't require public notice of a trip like this as long as there's no deliberation or decision-making, but Charlene suggests that it's a good idea to do it anyway.)

Thanks,
Eric

From: Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Subject: Confirmation of DOT/massHighway for 12/10 MRGC Mtg.
Date: November 28, 2012 9:40:23 PM EST
To: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Cc: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Rob & Judy Stinson <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Hi All,

Mark Moore from DOT/MassHighway District 1 is all set to meet with the Greenway Committee, et al, [Dec 10](#) at 7:00 pm.

Thanks to Steve Kulik's office for coordinating.

Jim

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 9, 2012, at 10:14 AM, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com> wrote:

[Thanks, Gaby.](#)

[Technically, the Rte 9 project should be described NOT as a "reconstruction" but as a "resurfacing". There will **possibly** be some opportunities for shoulder widening - it has not advanced that far yet - but this will NOT in any way be a re-design, which would](#)

entail a huge amount of permitting & delay it for several years. The terminological distinction is important to maintain.

Marvin

On Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 12:57 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hey Folks,
Attached is the "to do" list we generated at the MRGC meeting last Monday. Please review and provide any changes to me or John prior to his including them in the full minutes of the meeting.

thanks,
gaby

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Best regards,
Marvin J. Ward, Ph.D.
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413-268-7998

From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: partial minutes/"to do" list
Date: December 18, 2012 8:52:51 PM EST
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Rob & Judy Stinson" <rjstinson@comcast.net>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

The meeting is on Jan 7, NOT 8 as in this e-mail, or 14 as in the "to-do" list. The Hawks-Hayden Room @ Meekins is reserved 6:45 - 9:15 to allow for set-up & close-up (furniture moving) time.

Happy Holidays, everyone.
Marvin

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 4:01 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
hello MRGC folks,

here is the draft "to do" list from our last Mill River Greenway meeting on 12/10.

these will become part of the minutes as well as serving as a reminder of follow-up tasks to be completed in time for Jan 8 meeting.

Let me know if you have any corrections or additions.

thanks,
gaby

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder
Date: September 5, 2012 11:16:57 AM EDT
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>

P.S. If you're the connection to one of our guest presenters, please make sure they know the meeting will be at Meekins. Thanks!

On Sep 5, 2012, at 11:14 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Remember that we're meeting on this coming [Monday at 7pm](#), at the Community Room in Meekins Library. (*Not* the Town Offices.)

On the agenda:

- informational presentations
- Open Meeting Law
- communications
- mapping
- Great Barrington trip

- membership

I anticipate that the presentations will take up most of the meeting. The other items will mostly be touching base.

Thanks,
Eric

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip
Date: July 29, 2012 8:41:44 PM EDT
To: jhoog@comcast.net
Cc: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

hi john and eric,
thanks for being flexible, John -- i would have to be back in Northampton by 2:45pm for this to work for me.
gaby

On Sat, Jul 28, 2012 at 8:58 AM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:

Eric,

I have made tentative arrangements for someone to cover my grandchild-care responsibilities for that day, so I am available anytime and you can arrange the trip at a time that works for Gaby.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

To: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, jhoog@comcast.net

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 12:51:24 PM

Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip

Hi you two,

So it's looking like our best bet for this trip is Friday, Jan 21st ...
except that you're both iffy for that day and while Friday afternoon would work better for John, Friday morning would work better for Gaby.

I'd very much prefer you both be there. Can we do that somehow?

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 27, 2012, at 9:55 AM, Gaby Immerman
<gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Friday 21st morning would be preferable for me. Thanks Eric.

I may be able to get a Smith 12-passenger van for this, keep in touch with me about when you've scheduled and I'll inquire.

gaby

On Thu, Jul 26, 2012 at 8:23 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:

Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

> Hi all,

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> I've been in touch with Rachel Fletcher, of the Great Barrington RiverWalk. She's been involved in the RiverWalk since its beginnings in 1988, and has graciously offered to meet with us if we go there for a visit.

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> She is best available on some Fridays and Saturdays in September: 14, 15, 21, or 22. I have set up a Doodle poll to judge everyone's availability at:

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> <http://doodle.com/3rstdbimkk3verre>

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> I understand that most of us can probably more easily make it on one of the Saturdays, but note that if we can go on one of the Fridays, we may also get to speak with two people in addition to Rachel. Will Conklin is very knowledgeable about their site management and organizing young people to help maintain the RiverWalk. And Heather Cupo is their horticulturalist.

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> Please take the poll so I can let Rachel know when we'll be there.

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> Eric

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> P.S. This field trip is primarily meant as a site visit for committee members, but as far as I'm concerned, family members and people from related committees are welcome as well, as long as we don't overwhelm our hosts.

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: draft partial minutes from MRGC mtg 10/23
Date: October 23, 2012 10:06:31 PM EDT
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman
<gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten
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Hello Folks,

I'm not normally quite this efficient, but it seemed easiest to get this down and circulated while still very fresh in my mind.

Please send any amendments to this record of tonight's progress to me, and I will forward corrected version to John for his inclusion with full minutes.

Reminder that due to Open Meeting Laws, any comments, concerns, or additions should be reserved for discussion at the next meeting.

Great work tonight!

gaby

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From: bearpaw01@comcast.net
Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
Date: August 6, 2012 5:40:36 PM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Hi Gaby,

Rachel responded and said she's good with a bigger group. She's reserved a room that'll hold about 25, so could we hold the Smith contingent to about a dozen?

When would the Smith folks need to be back? Rachel's tentative schedule for us is roughly 10am to noon, with a walk and/or lunch after that. Shall I ask her if we can start earlier? It's about an hour-and-a-half drive from Northampton to Great Barrington.

(Also: Will, the person who coordinates the student volunteers, unfortunately might not be able to join us unless some of us hang around for the afternoon.)

Thanks for being our Smith connection!

Eric

On Aug 6, 2012, at 1:10 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

hi eric,
our field trip would interest a group of Reid's students that could be somewhere between 5-15 in size. I look forward to updating you and the Committee on the student power that will be available to us this fall through Smith. Have you heard back from Rachael?

gaby

On Sat, Aug 4, 2012 at 1:33 PM, <bearpaw01@comcast.net> wrote:
Hi Gaby,

I think it's great, and I definitely want to encourage the Smith connection, but I worry about overwhelming our hosts. I've emailed Rachael and asked how she feels about it. An alternate possibility I suggested to her was a separate visit for the Smith College

people (perhaps with you and another member (me?) of the Greenway committee along).

I'll let you know what she says.

Thanks!

Eric

On Aug 3, 2012, at 7:43 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

hi eric, what do you think about Reid's proposal below?
thanks,
gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 10:39 AM
Subject: Fwd: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Eric - see below from Reid B-J at Smith. Are you game to make this more than just us?
If so, transportation covered for the committee! Let me know and I'll get back to Reid about it.

gaby

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From: **Reid Bertone-Johnson** <rbertone@smith.edu>
Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 6:31 AM
Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Hi, Gaby,
This may be more than you'd like, but what do you think about me pitching the trip to Great Barrington as a CEEDS sponsored field trip that involves a big bus and lots of Smithies? If not that, could a group from my class on (studying greenways) come along?

Best,
Reid

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On Sun, Jul 29, 2012 at 8:43 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hi Reid,
the Williamsburg committee is tentatively planning an expedition to the Great Barrington
River walk on Friday morning Sept 21.

- 1) Is this something that you and/or Emily and/or Laila might like to be a part of?
- 2) Is it crazy to think we might be able to use a Smith 12-passenger for this? I don't mean to assume anything about CEEDS or STRIDE funding for your students but figure there's no harm in investigating.

thanks,
gaby

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Eric Weber at Smith's CEEDS re: Mill River in Williamsburg
Date: October 18, 2012 9:03:00 AM EDT
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman
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Cc: John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>, Reid Bertone-Johnson
<rbertone@smith.edu>, Ralmon Black <RalmonBlack@gmail.com>

Hello MRG committee,

I wanted to pass along to you all that Eric Weber will be coming in to the Center for the Environment at Smith on Friday, Nov 2 at noon to give Reid Bertone-Johnson's students the opportunity to 'download' his wealth of knowledge about our target area. This information will ultimately be captured in GIS maps, as well as for future use in interpretive materials for the Greenway.

You all are welcome to join us if you are interested. Please let me know if you are able to attend and I'll assist with parking, directions, etc.

gaby

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group
Date: October 8, 2012 8:58:29 PM EDT
To: John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:49:23 AM
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From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Draft minutes of 9/10 meeting
Date: October 21, 2012 9:10:45 PM EDT
To: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Neal Bastek <nealbastek@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, todd lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi team,

Please send me any corrections.

Would folks like hard copy of the corrected minutes at the next meeting (on a regular basis)?

Thanks,
John

From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Draft minutes 10/23
Date: October 29, 2012 12:07:29 PM EDT
To: jamesrayres@gmail.com, nealbastek@gmail.com, bearpaw01@earthlink.net, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, seannyg@gmail.com, gimmerma@smith.edu, todd_lynch@comcast.net, marvin.j.ward@gmail.com
Cc: Rob Stinson <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Send corrections, please.
John

(y'all stay safe, now)

From: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>
Subject: RE: Newsletter Deadline Extended!
Date: October 30, 2012 8:19:50 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Nope – great thank you.

From: bearpaw01@comcast.net [mailto:bearpaw01@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2012 10:13 PM
To: Charlene L. Nardi
Subject: Re: Newsletter Deadline Extended!

Hi Charlene,

Is this too late?

Thanks,
Eric

In recent years, during the Open Space Planning process and the Village Center Visioning, it became clear that there is a strong public interest in connecting the two village centers in Williamsburg with a non-automotive pathway. In response to a request from a group of town residents, the Select Board created the Mill River Greenway Committee to explore the feasibility of the idea.

The basic idea is to create a *multipurpose* greenway roughly following the path of the Mill River, *linking the village centers* and providing public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.

The Greenway Committee's first goal is to explore what it would take to make this project possible, and to report our findings to the the Select Board by June of 2013.

Part of this exploration will involve respectfully reaching out to property and business owners along the potential route.

We will be looking into varied sources of funding, public and private.

We welcome questions and comments. We meet monthly at the town offices -- check the town calendar for the meeting dates. We will also be organizing a public input meeting as part of the exploring this possibility.

On Oct 11, 2012, at 10:35 AM, "Charlene L. Nardi"
<townadmin@burgy.org> wrote:

Fall 2012 Newsletter:

Deadline for articles or information extended to **Wednesday,
October 24th!**

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From: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>
Subject: Re: Contact in Great Barrington
Date: December 4, 2012 2:45:20 PM EST
To: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

Hi Todd,

I have PDFs of the following maps:

- zoning 2003
- water supplies and flood plain
- soils
- protected land
- action plan

If you like, I'll pop them in an email for you.

If what you're looking for is GIS layers, I think we'd need to make a formal request to PVPC ... which might be a good idea.

Eric

On Dec 3, 2012, at 12:45 PM, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Eric –

Do you have the digital files for the current Open space plan Maps – that PVPC Developed?

- a. Municipal Zoning Districts
- b. Soil Limitations to Development
- c. Natural Environment
- d. Recreation, Protected, and Chapter Lands
- e. Water Supplies, Flood Plain and Slopes
- f. Seven Year Action Plan

Thanks Eric!

Todd

From: Eric Bloomquist [<mailto:eab@me.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 10:14 AM

To: Todd Lynch

Cc: Gaby Immerman; Jim Ayres; John Hoogstraten; Marvin J. Ward; Mary Dudek; Neal Bastek; Nick Dines; Sean Gaffney; Rob & Judy Stinson

Subject: Re: Contact in Great Barrington

Hi Todd,

Rachel Fletcher at rfletch@bcn.net

Eric

On Nov 28, 2012, at 10:01 AM, "Todd Lynch "
<todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi All –

Could someone pass along the information for the woman we met with in Great Barrington? I have some questions for her about some of the legal constraints she encountered for their project.

Thanks!

Todd

From: jhoog@comcast.net

Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip

Date: July 26, 2012 9:17:09 PM EDT

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Eric,

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John

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From: "Rachel Fletcher" <rffletch@bcn.net>
Subject: RE: belated RiverWalk follow-up 1 of 3
Date: October 4, 2012 12:46:47 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Hi Eric,
Glad the meeting was helpful. I'm in NY but I think I can send you
everything you need.
Here is the link for the newsletters: [http://
www.greatbarringtonlandconservancy.org/newnews.html](http://www.greatbarringtonlandconservancy.org/newnews.html)
In this email I am sending 2 sample easements, and 2 parts of our ISTE
application which contains master plan maps and designs.
I will send the rest in another 2 emails.

As for grants- I'm sure you know about the MA DCR Greenways and Trails grants

I would also get on the mailing list for the Riverways program of MA Fish and Wild. Click to contact staff: <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/der/riverways/resources/index.htm> They have the most up to date list of available grants for the region.

More coming up

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 2:35 PM

To: Rachel Fletcher

Subject: belated RiverWalk follow-up

Hi Rachel,

Better late than never, here's your requested reminder. Could you send us copies of the following things?

- conservation easements
- master plan maps
- newsletter
- policies

(Digital versions are preferred -- and probably easier for you -- but if there is anything that you'd rather send us via regular mail, please send it to: Mill River Greenway Committee, Town Offices, POB 447, Haydenville, MA 01093.)

Also, do you have an invasive species management plan? And could you share a quick list of funding sources? (Feel free to omit any sources you feel at all protective of -- I don't want to risk poaching on your resources!)

Thanks very much for being so generous with your time and knowledge. You've given our Greenway Committee a valuable look at the sort of thing that can be done.

Eric

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: partial MRGC minutes 11/5/12
Date: November 26, 2012 9:36:15 AM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, Eric Bloomquist
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From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee Meeting -- Monday 12/10
Date: December 4, 2012 5:40:43 PM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>

Hi, Eric,
I have the 'to do' list, but don't recall receiving the actual minutes of the previous mtg. I seem to recall, however, that we agreed on 7 January for the following one, & the Ped

Safety Comm has scheduled its next mtg that eve @ 5:30 so that I can do both w/ a single eve & trip. We talked abt but did not take any formal action on the recommendations concerning the resurfacing of Rte 9, 1 of which will be of interest to the MRGC.

Best,
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On Tue, Dec 4, 2012 at 2:37 PM, Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com> wrote:
Hi all,

Don't forget during the holiday season brouhaha that we have a meeting next Monday evening at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
- Guest: Mark Moore from DOT/MassHighway District 1 regarding the upcoming Route 9 repaving project and general discussion about DOT/MassHighway resources
- reports back regarding to-do assignments
- initial narrowing of possible routes with an eye toward identifying property owners for outreach
- next steps
- other business
- schedule next meeting(s)

If I've left anything out, please let me know and I'll add it.

If you don't remember what was on the to-do list for you, please refer to the list Gaby emailed out on November 8. (If you can't find it, let me know and I'll email you a copy.)

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Fwd: more questions regarding Open Meeting Law

Date: September 4, 2012 5:04:21 PM EDT

To: "Greenway Committee,, Nick Dines, Mary Dudek, sean gaffney, John Hoogstraten, Gaby Immerman, Todd Lynch, Marvin Ward>" <NealBastek@gmail.com>

Hi everybody,

Please see the email exchange between Charlene and myself below. This is of particular note to people in the two small groups tasked at the last committee meeting to (1) create a short set of informational points about the committee and a Greenway and (2) organize our map resources.

To put it simply, sub-committees need to publically post and conduct their meetings and keep minutes ... and just as with the larger committee, discussion and decision-making within those groups *cannot* happen via email.

I know our meeting on Monday is going to be mostly taken up with informational presentations from various folks, but I'm going to add this to our agenda to at least touch base on.

The other issue I discussed with her was the Open Meeting Law as it applies to our trip to Great Barrington. As long as we refrain from any deliberation as a group or decision-making, we're fine. No need to keep minutes or anything like that.

Charlene has generously agreed to come to our October meeting to give us a quick overview of the Open Meeting Law and answer any questions. I encourage everybody to take the time to review the OML Guide (<http://www.mass.gov/ago/docs/government/2012-2-10-oml-guide.pdf>) and Frequently Asked Questions (<http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/oml-faqs/>) before then.

Thanks,
Eric

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>

Date: September 4, 2012 3:30:50 PM EDT

To: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Subject: RE: more questions regarding Open Meeting Law

Hi Eric,

Item #2: I just spoke with Phil from the Attorney General's office and he told me that if two or more individuals are appointed a task from the original body – they are a subcommittee and therefore subject to all the rules of the open meeting law. So in answer to your question, no, that work can't be done by email. I always felt certain if it was less than a quorum and they were working towards a specific task that was then being brought back then it was okay; however, I was a bit concerned about the new reading of the law when I read the more specific definition of subcommittee.

I did use the examples you gave for the work being done by the individuals when I spoke with Phil. However, if you would like to get them to look more closely at your particular case you can email them with further details (although I am guessing that the answer will be the same) at openmeeting@state.ma.us.

So, the bottom line is that your individuals have to meet publically per the open meeting law. Not the answer I am sure you wanted to get the most work done.

Charlene

-----Original Message-----

From: Charlene L. Nardi [mailto:townadmin@burgy.org]

Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 2:20 PM

To: 'bearpaw01@earthlink.net'

Subject: RE: more questions regarding Open Meeting Law

Hi Eric,

I am sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

1. Yes, site visits are excluded from the Open Meeting Law as long as you only "take in" information and not deliberate on it. Some committees post their site visits as an extra caution and for notification to the public, but you are NOT required to.

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Charlene

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Monday, September 03, 2012 11:43 AM

To: Charlene L. Nardi

Subject: more questions regarding Open Meeting Law

Hi Charlene,

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Eric

From: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Revised minutes and Map
Date: August 9, 2012 5:03:40 PM EDT
To: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Cc: "bearpaw01@comcast.net" <bearpaw01@comcast.net>
Reply-To: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>

I thought the meeting is on Tuesday the 14th???

Mary

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To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: 'Marvin J. Ward' <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>; jhoog@comcast.net; CMDudek@yahoo.com; 'Gaby Immerman' <gimmerma@smith.edu>; 'Nick Dines' <ndines@larp.umass.edu>; NealBastek@gmail.com
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From: "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org>
Subject: mill river greenway
Date: August 14, 2012 1:16:06 PM EDT
To: "Eric Bloomquist" <BearPaw01@earthlink.net>

Eric –

1. I understand there are some new people being proposed for the Mill River Greenway Committee. Could you confirm that you vouch for them, and could you ask that they send letters of interest to us? Email is fine. If we get the letters of interest by the meeting this Thursday, they can be on the agenda for approval. The next meeting will be Sept 6. (Glad that you're getting some women!)
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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 8, 2012 9:50:40 PM EDT
To: Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Hi,

Not to nag or anything, but could each of you go to the link below and let me know whether you'd prefer to keep the Greenway meeting this month on the 15th, or if you'd be able to attend one of the listed days during the following week?

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I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

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Thanks for the feedback on the minutes - I have incorporated your suggestions into these completed minutes.

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Thanks and looking forward to the meeting on Monday.

Todd

-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2012 8:24 PM

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: Todd Lynch; Marvin J. Ward; <jhoog@comcast.net>; <CMDudek@yahoo.com>;

Gaby Immerman; Nick Dines; <NealBastek@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip

Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

> Hi all,
>
> I've been in touch with Rachel Fletcher, of the Great Barrington
RiverWalk. She's been involved in the RiverWalk since its beginnings in
1988, and has graciously offered to meet with us if we go there for a visit.
>
> She is best available on some Fridays and Saturdays in September: 14, 15,
21, or 22. I have set up a Doodle poll to judge everyone's availability at:
>
> <http://doodle.com/3rstdbimkk3verre>
>
> I understand that most of us can probably more easily make it on one of
the Saturdays, but note that if we can go on one of the Fridays, we may also
get to speak with two people in addition to Rachel. Will Conklin is very
knowledgeable about their site management and organizing young people to
help maintain the RiverWalk. And Heather Cupo is their horticulturalist.
>
> Please take the poll so I can let Rachel know when we'll be there.
>
> Eric
>
> P.S. This field trip is primarily meant as a site visit for committee
members, but as far as I'm concerned, family members and people from related
committees are welcome as well, as long as we don't overwhelm our hosts.
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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: October 23rd Greenway Committee meeting

Date: October 21, 2012 12:37:43 PM EDT

To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi all,

Just a reminder that our next meeting is this Tuesday, October 23, 7pm, at the town offices in Haydenville.

Charlene will be there to answer our questions about the Open Meeting Law. (I've attached a copy of the Open Meeting Guide, for those of you who haven't reviewed it recently.)

I've also attached a couple of things that John and I worked on re public communications, for the committee to consider and (hopefully) approve. One is a list of important things to keep in mind as we talk to our friends and neighbors about the Greenway. Word is definitely getting out about the project and it would be good to try to keep things grounded in reality. The other is a proposed short introductory article about the Greenway for the next Williamsburg Newsletter. Please bring any feedback you have about either of these things to Tuesday's meeting.

Lastly, our biggest goal for this meeting is to organize ourselves around the process of evaluating the feasibility of the Greenway. The general idea is to divide the process into manageable pieces, and set up working groups for each of those pieces. The working groups will report back at the monthly committee meetings for discussion, guidance, and decisions. Bring your ideas about how to divvy things up and what you'd be interested in working on.

Thanks, everybody -- see you Tuesday!

Eric

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Subject: partial minutes/"to do" list

Date: December 18, 2012 4:01:11 PM EST

To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman
<gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten
<jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary
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Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

hello MRGC folks,

here is the draft "to do" list from our last Mill River Greenway meeting on 12/10.

these will become part of the minutes as well as serving as a reminder of follow-up
tasks to be completed in time for Jan 8 meeting.

Let me know if you have any corrections or additions.

thanks,
gaby

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From: Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: 11/5 meeting minutes
Date: December 10, 2012 3:58:39 PM EST
To: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Cc: "jamesrayres@gmail.com" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "nealbastek@gmail.com"
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Hi all,

I have a conflict this evening with my daughters choir performance and will not be able
to make the meeting.

I have created a document which can serve as list of funding sources/ opportunities/ ideas. The things that are currently on the list come from the PVPC proposal for work on the Greenway that many of you have probably seen.

I have a question about how to share that document with everyone outside of our scheduled monthly meeting times, and how to receive input from you all to add to the document. The open law has me a bit confused on these matters.

My thought is that I could send out a n email copy to everyone and then bring a printed version of the email and the attached document to the next meeting so that it can be put in our file. That way people can be prepared to bring their additions to our next meeting and I can add those to the document for the following meeting, etc...

Any (appropriate and legal) thoughts or comments would be appreciated. My apologies for a second absence in a row.

Sean Gaffney
413-695-3520

On Sun, Dec 9, 2012 at 8:26 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:

With only minor typos corrected, the minutes for the 11/5 meeting are attached in their final form for approval at Monday's meeting. Thanks.

John

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Sean Gaffney
6A High Street
Haydenville, MA 01039
413.695.3520

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: first Mill River Greenway Committee meeting
Date: June 15, 2012 12:16:15 AM EDT
To: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

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Thanks,
Eric

From: bearpaw01@comcast.net
Subject: Re: mtg room scheduled
Date: December 12, 2012 12:45:57 PM EST
To: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi Marvin,

Thanks for arranging this. I could stop by the town offices that evening on the way to the library, and get the key from you then.

Eric

On Dec 11, 2012, at 4:34 PM, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, Eric,

The Hawks-Hayden Community Room is booked for 7 Jan, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

It does have 2 tables, but they are not as long as the ones in the auditorium where we were last night. However, if put end to end, they may actually be more practical for spreading out the maps & all being able to get up close to them to mark them up. They were arranged that way today for the volunteer luncheon, so I could get a good idea.

I will pick up the key on Sat, 5 Jan - last day the lib is open B4 we meet. In view of my Ped Safety Comm mtg just B4 ours, you may want to get the key from me to get in should I be a bit late?

Best,
Marvin

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Best regards,
Marvin J. Ward, Ph.D.
2 Valley View Road
Williamsburg, MA 01096-9734
413-268-7998

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: MRGC 11/2/12 meeting follow up
Date: December 18, 2012 3:40:22 PM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Hi Eric,

This email and the next one should be included in the Committee's records.

thanks,
gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nick Dines** <ndines@larp.umass.edu>
Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 10:56 AM
Subject: Re: MRGC 11/2/12 meeting follow up
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Cc: John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Gaby;

I talked with Mark Moore in the Lennox office of MassDOT about the digital maps for the Route 9 corridor from Williamsburg Center to Haydenville Center.

1. The hard copies that I have are not based upon accurate digital Auto Cad survey maps. The only true DWG files are limited to the section from Route 143 to Graves Chevrolet complex and from McFadden's to the Brassworks (area encompassing the Gabion /rip-rap river bank treatment). The rest of the mapping is derived from metes and bounds and property tax maps. Ironically, this is the last highway project done by DOT that relied on non digital Mass GIS Grid Coordinates. Alas, prospects are not good.
2. The Plans and Records protocol takes about one month to process any request for DWG or AutoCAD files due to Homeland Security restrictions and filters as well as archival retrieval and approval processes normally associated with such requests. I see no value in obtaining the isolated segments of digital files for our general planning purposes.
3. Mark indicated and confirmed that this upcoming Route 9 project is truly a maintenance project aimed at preserving the integrity of the wearing surface and is limited to re-paving to that end.

We did speak about the technical challenges for dealing with the narrow curve between McFadden's and the Brassworks with regard to alterations to accommodate safe pedestrian movement. I will discuss this at our next meeting.

In summary, the long term strategy that we are exploring is well beyond the scope of any immediate MassDOT initiatives planned for the near future. Having said that, I will explore the bridge concept at the old abutments past McFadden's to gain access to the old meadow with the aim of reconnecting to the Brassworks via a second bridge being explored by the Charter School.

Lastly, do you have smaller scale Orthophoto maps of the corridor as discussed at the last meeting?

Nick

On 11/30/12 9:05 AM, Gaby Immerman wrote:
[Hello John, Todd, Nick, and Neal,](#)

In my role as "sheepdog" to the mapping working group, i'm writing to follow up on a number of map-related items raised at the 11/2 and 11/5 meetings.

We want to be sure Reid B-J's "master maps" are as comprehensive as possible with respect to open spaces, trails, roadways, and "bike-ability" in the target area.

John, can you confirm that all existing data pertaining to mapped trails is represented in Reid's maps, or provide him with that data if needed? And reach out to Paul Jahnige/DCR if needed?

Todd, can you touch base with Reid to confirm he has all available information from the Williamsburg Open Space plan? This would presumably cover open space boundaries and categorization as well as the zoning/regulatory layers.

Neal, can you ensure that Reid's map reflects Nick Horton's existing resources regarding bikeable roadways?

Nick, any progress on procuring digitized versions of the DOT engineering maps you have in hard copy? Reid can incorporate this data into the 'master map' as appropriate.

Reid will be providing base maps for the committee's use at the December 10th meeting that need not reflect the totality of this data. His goal for completing parcel boundary mapping is the end of January, so that's probably a good target time for all of you to confirm he's got the most complete and up-to-date layers possible.

many thanks and please keep me looped in to everyone's progress so I don't needlessly harass anyone!

gaby

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Volunteer
Date: September 14, 2012 10:22:08 AM EDT
To: Selectmen <selectmen@burgy.org>

Hi Eleanor,

Charles isn't from Haydenville, but I was under the impression -- perhaps mistaken -- that Sean and Jim are both from Haydenville. If Larry West joins, he's from Skinnerville *and* right next to the river.

Yes, we're significantly unbalanced in terms of gender, which is part of why I hoped Ruth and/or Markell would join us. Unfortunately Ruth has decided not to join us at this time, and Markell has not responded. I'll encourage the committee to hold the last chair for a woman, preferably from Haydenville. And I'll put recruiting on the next agenda.

If the Select Board wants to table Charles' appointment for a set time in favor of holding both remaining seats for women and/or Haydenville appointees, I wouldn't argue it and I think most of the committee members would understand. (He and committee member Mary Dudek are married -- don't know if that's a plus, minus, or irrelevant as far as the Select Board is concerned.)

I strongly encourage the Select Board to appoint Larry West if he requests it. In addition to where he happens to live, he's a long-time (lifetime?) resident with connections to multiple community groups.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 12, 2012, at 11:52 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –

I think there was concern about the heavy Williamsburg (as opposed to Haydenville) representation; also male as opposed to female. It sounds as if you are recommending the ones you mention. Wasn't there also another woman possibility?

Eleanor

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:28 AM

To: Selectmen

Subject: Re: Volunteer

Hi Eleanor,

Yes, Charles was at our most recent meeting and expressed interest. I'm glad he contacted you.

Rose Bookbinder has decided not to join the committee at this time, and I haven't heard anything from Markell Smith. I spoke to Larry West at our meeting and reminded him that he needed to contact the Select Board to request appointment to the committee; he said he would.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 12, 2012, at 10:32 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –

Here is a possible new person. I haven't heard from the other three you mentioned.

Eleanor

From: Charles Dudek [<mailto:cjdudek313@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:18 PM

To: selectmen@burgy.org

Subject: Volunteer

I would like to volunteer my time and services to the Town as a member of the Mil River Greenway Committee. I understand there is a vacancy on the committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Charles J. Dudek
12 Old Goshen Road
Williamsburg

[413-268-7940](tel:413-268-7940)

From: todd_lynch@comcast.net

Subject: Re: first Mill River Greenway Committee meeting

Date: June 15, 2012 9:05:25 AM EDT

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, NealBastek@gmail.com, Nick Dines

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Best,

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Eric

From: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: partial MRGC minutes 11/5/12
Date: November 13, 2012 3:14:04 PM EST
To: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Cc: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Rob & Judy Stinson" <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Hi All,

I wanted to let you know that I have been in touch with Paul Dunphy about the DOT resurfacing work and how this relates to the work of the Mill River Greenway committee. As I think you know Paul is a Town Selectman as well as being the district aid for State Rep. Kulik.

Initially, Paul thought that no work was scheduled for several years; however, subsequent conversations with DOT confirmed that resurfacing and line painting is in fact scheduled within the next twelve months, as we discussed at the meeting.

Paul and Steve Kulik have requested that Mark Moore, at MassHighway district 1, meet with our committee as soon as possible to discuss the alignment of efforts, probably through attendance at one of our already scheduled meetings.

Eric, can you give me a call to discuss next steps and whether you would like to see this happen at one of our standing meetings or at a specially sceduled one?
w-413-584-3962 or h-413-268-2012.

Thanks,
Jim

On Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 10:14 AM, Marvin J. Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks, Gaby.

Technically, the Rte 9 project should be described NOT as a "reconstruction" but as a "resurfacing". There will **possibly** be some opportunities for shoulder widening - it has not advanced that far yet - but this will NOT in any way be a re-design, which would entail a huge amount of permitting & delay it for several years. The terminological distinction is important to maintain.

Marvin

On Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 12:57 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hey Folks,
Attached is the "to do" list we generated at the MRGC meeting last Monday. Please review and provide any changes to me or John prior to his including them in the full minutes of the meeting.

thanks,
gaby

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From: "MCKahn,Danielle j." <Dmckahn@PVPC.ORG>
Subject: RE: Misc Greenway things
Date: September 17, 2012 8:42:25 AM EDT
To: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, <jhoog@comcast.net>, <NealBastek@gmail.com>, <seannyg@gmail.com>, <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Good morning,

For the greenway, the best fit is in the Design category of the grant – a downtown greenway proposal isn't exactly what DHCD is looking for here, but it may score points for being unique! We would need to really focus the grant funds on the downtown part of the project, perhaps assisting businesses with re-designing the back of their properties to re-orient towards the river and connect to/create the greenway. I just left Emmy Hahn, the coordinator of the initiative, a message to see what she thinks as far as fit... I'll let you know when I find out more...

In response to your question, Gaby, yes, I could help write the grant, but I'm not sure it would fully cover activities for me to help you make a plan. I'll let you know how it looks after I talk with Emmy.

Talk soon,
Dani

From: Gaby Immerman [mailto:gimmerma@smith.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 7:22 AM
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net; MCKahn,Danielle j.
Cc: ndines@larp.umass.edu; CMDudek@yahoo.com; jamesrayres@gmail.com; jhoog@comcast.net; NealBastek@gmail.com; seannyg@gmail.com;

todd_lynch@comcast.net; marvin.j.ward@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Misc Greenway things

hey everyone,

Regarding the grant application, Dani, is the writing of this grant something that you could help us with, through a local tech assistance grant from PVPC? And if so, could this grant then cover your more extensive involvement with us in helping "make a plan" for this year?

gaby

On Fri, Sep 14, 2012 at 11:09 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
Hi all,

First, for those of you who haven't seen it, we're front page news. The latest issue of the Country Journal has a nice article about the Greenway and our most recent meeting.

Secondly, someone at the last meeting brought up the possibility of changing our regular meeting schedule. Rather than going through endless back-and-forth about what evenings would work for who, I set up a Doodle scheduling poll. Go to <http://doodle.com/3pvbsbqdkne3iu44#table> and mark all of the possibilities that would work for you most months. (Be sure to click on the button to "Show all 16 options"!)

Thirdly, see the attached file for a grant application with the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Program that Dani from the PVPC passed to me. Unfortunately, the deadline is September 28, so it seems to me we're not really positioned to take advantage of it, but if someone wants to pass this along to the traffic calming folks, maybe they can take a shot at it.

Lastly, don't forget that our field trip to the Great Barrington RiverWalk is next Friday. Meet at the town offices at 8:15am; back by about

2:30pm.

Thanks all,
Eric

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee misc business
Date: August 16, 2012 3:10:54 PM EDT
To: townclerk@burgy.org

Hi Brenda,

See the attached file for the approved minutes for the July 16 meeting of the Mill River Greenway Committee.

Our next meeting is still scheduled for [Monday, September 10 at 7pm](#). But we will be having that meeting at the Meekins Library, in the Community Room.

[September 10th](#) meeting agenda:

Informational presentations
Membership
Communications

Also, the meeting which is currently scheduled for [Monday, October 8th](#) has been rescheduled to [Monday, October 15th](#) (back at the Town Offices).

Thanks,
Eric

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Volunteer
Date: September 12, 2012 11:27:30 AM EDT
To: Selectmen <selectmen@burgy.org>

Hi Eleanor,

Yes, Charles was at our most recent meeting and expressed interest. I'm glad he contacted you.

Rose Bookbinder has decided not to join the committee at this time, and I haven't heard anything from Markell Smith. I spoke to Larry West at our meeting and reminded him that he needed to contact the Select Board to request appointment to the committee; he said he would.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 12, 2012, at 10:32 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –
Here is a possible new person. I haven't heard from the other three you mentioned.
Eleanor

From: Charles Dudek [<mailto:cjdudek313@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:18 PM
To: selectmen@burgy.org
Subject: Volunteer

I would like to volunteer my time and services to the Town as a member of the Mill River Greenway Committee. I understand there is a vacancy on the committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Charles J. Dudek
12 Old Goshen Road
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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday
Date: October 31, 2012 7:34:51 AM EDT
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Eric, would forwarding this email to Brenda be adequate for public notice?
gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Wed, Oct 31, 2012 at 7:29 AM
Subject: Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Cc: rjstinson@comcast.net, Ralmon Black <RalmonBlack@gmail.com>, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>, Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>

Dear Friends,

This is to confirm that the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee's working group on mapping will be gathering at Smith this Friday, November 2 at noon, to meet with Reid Bertone-Johnson and his students at Smith College. Our goal is to seek Eric Weber's input on the parcel data and cultural/historic layers impacting our target area.

The meeting has been moved to the Landscape Studies studio, which is in a building known as the "Green Box" on campus. I'd like to meet any of you who plan to attend at CEEDS as planned, then walk you over to the studio.

Please RSVP to me so I am certain to gather all of you before departing CEEDS. If you are able to arrive a few minutes early, so much the better.

thank you!
gaby

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From: "Todd Lynch " <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Subject: Preliminary Map
Date: August 1, 2012 4:38:25 PM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: <jhoog@comcast.net>, <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "Nick Dines"
<ndines@larp.umass.edu>, <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Gaby Immerman"
<gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi all –

Happy August!

I corresponded with Reid, and I think from our conversation that this map I produced with the parcel data will be good enough to help our conversation at the next meeting. Just a note on it – I reduced the file size, and shrunk it to 11 x 17 inches from its original size of 24 x 36 inches – so that would explain any funky scaling and image quality you might encounter with it should you print it.

I'll have the completed minutes with revisions from everyone ready next week.

Best,

Todd

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:58 PM

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: jhoog@comcast.net; NealBastek@gmail.com; Nick Dines; CMDudek@yahoo.com; Gaby Immerman; Todd Lynch; Marvin J. Ward

Subject: Re: REMINDER! Re: first Mill River Greenway Committee meeting

Hi all,

Please see the below email from Brenda, especially the part about the Open Meeting Law, the Conflict of Interest Law and the Public Records Law, and the online conflict of interest test.

And please don't forget to get sworn in before our meeting!

Thanks,
Eric

Eric,

Yes all the board needs to be sworn in.

I have put you in Room 101 which is the COA Mealsite Room. I have posted the meeting.

I may at times have to move you to a different meeting room but I will let you know in advance or just before the meeting.

I will make sure the board receives the information regarding receipt of the Open Meeting Law, the Conflict of Interest Law and the Public Records Law. All board members will also have to take an online conflict of interest test and give me the print out showing they did it. I will also need a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the COI Law and the OML from each board member.

My page of the town website has that info which I am enclosing here: http://www.burgy.org/Pages/WilliamsburgMA_Clerk/coioml

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considered a public record.

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Date: September 3, 2012 7:51:49 PM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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thanks,
Eric

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please find revised minutes attached.

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many thanks,
gaby

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From: bearpaw01@comcast.net
Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
Date: August 4, 2012 1:33:30 PM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Hi Gaby,

I think it's great, and I definitely want to encourage the Smith connection, but I worry about overwhelming our hosts. I've emailed Rachael and asked how she feels about it. An alternate possibility I suggested to her was a separate visit for the Smith College people (perhaps with you and another member (me?) of the Greenway committee along).

I'll let you know what she says.

Thanks!
Eric

On Aug 3, 2012, at 7:43 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

hi eric, what do you think about Reid's proposal below?

thanks,
gaby

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From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 10:39 AM
Subject: Fwd: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

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Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Mill River Greenway Committee
Date: September 17, 2012 5:47:04 PM EDT
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

sent this to her last week as well...

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From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Wed, Sep 12, 2012 at 10:44 PM
Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee
To: townclerk@burgy.org
Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Hello Brenda,

This email is to provide notification of the following two upcoming gatherings of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee:

- 1) Monday, Sept 17, 2pm. Several members of the committee will meet with Reid Bertone-Johnson at Smith College's Center for the Environment to discuss his production of large-format color maps for the committee's use in its deliberations.
- 2) Friday, Sept 21. Members of the Committee will travel to Great Barrington, MA, to tour the Housatonic River Walk and meet with local organizers about the project. The committee will gather in the Town Offices parking lot at 8:15am and depart in carpools at 8:30am. We expect to return around 2:30pm.

Please find attached the minutes from our August meeting.

thank you,
gaby

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From: Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 10, 2012 5:41:17 PM EDT
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Great, will we back at Town Hall?

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 10, 2012, at 9:30 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi everybody,

Thanks for the responses. Based on them, I'm moving our next meeting to October 23rd. (Sorry Marvin!). I've let Brenda know about the change.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 12:41 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Unfortunately, I have to be out of town for most of the week of October 15. I don't want to simply cancel, because we we have a lot to do by June and I want to keep us going.

So I'd like to either reschedule for sometime the following week, or let you all go ahead and meet on the 15th without me. (Gaby has agreed to be Acting Chair if we stick with the 15th.)

I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

Remember, this will be the meeting when we'll lay out the different pieces of "feasibility" and try to set up some timeframes. We've also got Charlene visiting to give a brief presentation and Q&A on the Open Meeting Law.

Thanks,
Eric

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
Date: July 30, 2012 10:39:10 AM EDT
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

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From: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Contact in Great Barrington
Date: November 28, 2012 11:21:08 AM EST
To: 'Eric Bloomquist' <eab@me.com>

Thanks Eric!

From: Eric Bloomquist [<mailto:eab@me.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 10:14 AM
To: Todd Lynch
Cc: Gaby Immerman; Jim Ayres; John Hoogstraten; Marvin J. Ward; Mary Dudek; Neal Bastek; Nick Dines; Sean Gaffney; Rob & Judy Stinson
Subject: Re: Contact in Great Barrington

Hi Todd,

Rachel Fletcher at rfletch@bcn.net

Eric

On Nov 28, 2012, at 10:01 AM, "Todd Lynch "
<todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi All –

Could someone pass along the information for the woman we met with in Great Barrington? I have some questions for her about some of the legal constraints she encountered for their project.

Thanks!

Todd

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Great Barrington RiverWalk visit tomorrow
Date: September 20, 2012 3:09:17 PM EDT
To: Rachel Fletcher <rfletch@bcn.net>
Cc: William Conklin <wconklin7@gmail.com>

Hi Rachel,

Yes, we're still on for tomorrow, though we probably won't get as many as 20 -- maybe 10-12 at this point.

If you can send me a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, I can provide a second small screen (iPad).

By all means, bring examples of legal documents. Anything we can learn from would be helpful.

Looking forward to tomorrow.

Eric

On Sep 20, 2012, at 10:17 AM, "Rachel Fletcher" <rfletch@bcn.net> wrote:

Hello Eric,

Just touching base to make sure we're still on for tomorrow (Friday) to meet with about 20 in your group about the River Walk.

We will meet at 10am at the Mason Library in Great Barrington on 231 Main Street (zip: 01230).

I have a PowerPoint Presentation, but only my small laptop to show it on.

The weather is looking very good to spend most of our time on the walk, and even have a picnic lunch there if you like (bring blankets to sit on the ground).

I'll have several copies of our printed literature (guides, brochures, etc) with me.

Please let me know if you would like me to bring legal documents such as conservation easements.

Looking forward to meeting you tomorrow.

My phone number is 413-528-3391. I will be at this number until 9:45.

After that try my cell phone at 413-281-9139

Please confirm, if you get a chance,

Best

Rachel

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Fletcher [mailto:rfletch@bcn.net]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:41 AM
To: 'bearpaw01@earthlink.net'
Cc: 'William Conklin'
Subject: RE: RiverWalk visit

Hi Eric,
Sounds like a good plan.
Let's touch base with details as we get closer, But meanwhile here are some documents you might find useful.
One folder contains sample easements and covenants.
The other documents a riverbank stabilization permitting process that was especially rigorous.
Riverbank erosion and stabilization issues might be potential "show-stoppers for you.

Click to download:
<https://www.yousendit.com/download/TEhXL0dQcGtiR0t4djhUQw>

If you have specific site situations of note, let me know.
Otherwise, we can talk about the usual on-going challenges. Nothing is insurmountable.

See you soon,
Rachel

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-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 11:08 PM

To: Rachel Fletcher

Cc: William Conklin

Subject: Re: RiverWalk visit

Hi Rachel,

Let's meet first at your library at 10am, then have a little picnic lunch. It looks like most of us will probably need to leave at 1:30, but I think a few of us may stick around longer.

Yes, I imagine we'd like to see your PP presentation. It wouldn't hurt to have some easements to look at and whatever other documents you think important.

Given we are in the beginning of the general feasibility study phase of our Greenway, I think our main focus at this point is looking for potential show-stoppers and ways around them. So, we're hoping to get your perspective on the big hurdles, complications, challenges, etc, in setting up the RiverWalk, and how did you deal with them? And what are the on-going challenges?

thanks,
Eric

On Aug 6, 2012, at 3:08 PM, Rachel Fletcher <rfletch@bcn.net> wrote:

Hello Eric,

I have secured a room sufficient to seat 25 people at our public library which is only steps away from the River Walk.

The room is reserved from 10 am to noon, but the time could be changed.

I can arrange for coffee and donuts, if you like.

We can meet at the library, then tour the River Walk.

I can't think of anywhere in Great Barrington that can serve so many people for lunch.

Perhaps you could bring a picnic lunch (or we could order sandwiches locally), and if the weather is nice we could eat in the little park entrance to the trail.

How does that sound?

(Or, as I think about it, we could take the tour of River Walk first, then take our sandwiches in the library after, if I move the time.

They don't encourage catering, so it would have to be a low key bag

lunch affair.) They do not have PowerPoint facilities, although they do have a screen. But I can bring my small laptop and show you our PowerPoint presentation that way if you like (or not show it at all).

So let me know what works best for you.
And what kind of documents (such as easements) you're interested in [seeing](#).

Best
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-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [<mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:40 PM
To: river@gbriverwalk.org
Subject: RiverWalk visit

Hi,

I'm part of a group of people in Williamsburg (MA) who are looking into the possibility of setting up a Greenway along the Mill River, which flows through our town.

I'm looking to organize a field trip by some of us to your RiverWalk in Great Barrington. Might it be possible for us to meet up with one or two people there who could talk to us about how the RiverWalk came about, what's involved in maintaining it, and [so on?](#)

Thanks very much,
Eric Bloomquist
Williamsburg, MA

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Misc Greenway things

Date: September 14, 2012 11:09:22 PM EDT

To: "gimmerma@smith.edu" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "ndines@larp.umass.edu" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "jamesrayres@gmail.com" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "seannyg@gmail.com" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "todd_lynch@comcast.net" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "marvin.j.ward@gmail.com" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi all,

First, for those of you who haven't seen it, we're front page news. The latest issue of the Country Journal has a nice article about the Greenway and our most recent meeting.

Secondly, someone at the last meeting brought up the possibility of changing our regular meeting schedule. Rather than going through endless back-and-forth about what evenings would work for who, I set up a Doodle scheduling poll. Go to <http://doodle.com/3pvbsbqdkne3iu44#table> and mark all of the possibilities that would work for you most months. (Be sure to click on the button to "Show all 16 options"!)

Thirdly, see the attached file for a grant application with the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Program that Dani from the PVPC passed to me. Unfortunately, the deadline is September 28, so it seems to me we're not really positioned to take advantage of it, but if someone wants to pass this along to the traffic calming folks, maybe they can take a shot at it.

Lastly, don't forget that our field trip to the Great Barrington RiverWalk is next Friday. Meet at the town offices at 8:15am; back by about 2:30pm.

Thanks all,
Eric

From: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>

Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee Meeting -- Monday 12/10

Date: December 4, 2012 2:37:26 PM EST

To: "marvin.j.ward@gmail.com" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, "gimmerma@smith.edu" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "ndines@larp.umass.edu" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "jamesrayres@gmail.com" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "rjstinson@comcast.net" <rjstinson@comcast.net>, "seannyg@gmail.com" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "todd_lynch@comcast.net" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "landlwest3315@yahoo.com" <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>

Hi all,

Don't forget during the holiday season brouhaha that we have a meeting next Monday evening at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
- Guest: Mark Moore from DOT/MassHighway District 1 regarding the upcoming Route 9 repaving project and general discussion about DOT/MassHighway resources
- reports back regarding to-do assignments
- initial narrowing of possible routes with an eye toward identifying property owners for outreach
- next steps
- other business
- schedule next meeting(s)

If I've left anything out, please let me know and I'll add it.

If you don't remember what was on the to-do list for you, please refer to the list Gaby emailed out on November 8. (If you can't find it, let me know and I'll email you a copy.)

Thanks,
Eric

From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: 11/5 meeting minutes
Date: December 6, 2012 8:48:05 PM EST
To: jamesrayres@gmail.com, nealbastek@gmail.com, bearpaw01@earthlink.net, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, seannyg@gmail.com, gimmerma@smith.edu, todd_lynch@comcast.net, marvin.j.ward@gmail.com

Hi team,

Attached are the minutes from our last meeting for your edits.
Thanks.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: draft partial minutes from MRGC mtg 10/23
Date: October 24, 2012 2:17:12 PM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Hi Gaby,

Great!

The only suggestion I have is that for the two assignments that have two people, somehow make it clear that for this case everybody will be gathering info and reporting back individually.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 23, 2012, at 10:06 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Hello Folks,

I'm not normally quite this efficient, but it seemed easiest to get this down and circulated while still very fresh in my mind.

Please send any amendments to this record of tonight's progress to me, and I will forward corrected version to John for his inclusion with full minutes.

Reminder that due to Open Meeting Laws, any comments, concerns, or additions should be reserved for discussion at the next meeting.

Great work tonight!

gaby

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<[MRGC partial minutes 10-23-12.docx](#)>

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Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

Date: October 4, 2012 8:09:27 PM EDT

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From: Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group

Date: October 11, 2012 6:26:55 PM EDT

To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

I thought that might be the case. Thanks for getting back to me.

Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 11, 2012, at 1:14 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi Jim,

Unfortunately, because this is (I think) covered under the Open Meeting Law, we can't do it that way. "Remote participation" is only covered under specific circumstances.

And to answer your other email, yes, the Committee will be meeting back at the town offices.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 10, 2012, at 5:54 PM, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com> wrote:

I have another commitment then. Would it be possible to call in? I could probably sneak away from my other commitment for 20 or 30 minutes for a phone conversation.

Jim

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 8, 2012, at 10:11 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

I'll be there.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
To: "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2012 8:58:29 PM
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group

Hi,

Okay, let's do this Thursday evening at 7pm at the Town Offices.
Jim, can you make that?

Agenda:

- General messaging points
- Short article for town newsletter
(technically, the deadline for submission is 10/11, but Charlene said she can be flexible)

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thanks,
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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee

Date: October 4, 2012 10:59:04 AM EDT

To: Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>

Cc: John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>, Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>

Dear Eric,

I'm writing to follow up on your kind offer to contribute your knowledge of Williamsburg town history to our Feasibility Study for a Williamsburg-Haydenville connector along the Mill River.

Reid Bertone-Johnson, Smith College Landscape Studies faculty, is supervising six students this semester who will be compiling property data along with ecological, historical, and cultural features into GIS-based maps supporting the Mill River

Greenway Committee's work. I'm writing to invite you to join Reid and his students at Smith's Center for the Environment sometime this fall so we can endeavor to capture at least some of your knowledge relating to the target area (essentially the river's path between High Street, Haydenville and Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg).

Please let me know if you are able to schedule a lunchtime meeting for any of the following dates:

Monday 10/15
Tuesday 10/23
Friday 11/2
Thursday 11/8

Pending your availability, I will also extend this invitation to members of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee.

many thanks!
gaby

On Thu, Sep 13, 2012 at 1:09 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:
Hi Gaby,

I'm forwarding to you my communication with Eric Weber from the Historical Commission. I'll leave it to you to share this with Reid. Eric can also be contacted at 268-3160. Eric's knowledge of town history and properties is encyclopedic, and he is an enthusiastic and clear communicator. He is one of the founding members of the Hilltown Land Trust, former adjunct faculty at the Conway School of Landscape Design, former chair of the Planning Board in Williamsburg, and....well, you get the idea. I think you'll find him a pleasure to work with.

John

From: "Eric Weber" <ewweber@comcast.net>
To: jhoog@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:26:13 AM
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee

Yes to both. I'll be happy to help in any way I can.

Eric

On Sep 13, 2012, at 8:11 AM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

Hi Eric,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the autumnal weather.

The Greenway Committee is interested in having you attend one of our upcoming meetings to talk about historical sites along the river that could be incorporated into the design of a greenway. Our October meeting has a pretty full agenda already, so it would more likely be in November or December. Would you be willing and interested in doing this? I am aware that Ralmon is also quite knowledgeable on this subject, and interested in the Greenway project, but we decided to reach out to you based on our knowledge of your extensive research on the history of the flood and aftermath. We would be happy to have both of you or have you defer to Ralmon if that would be your preference.

Also, a few months ago you expressed willingness to consult with Reid Bertone-Johnson, a Smith professor, and some of his students who are working on mapping the Mill River corridor through Williamsburg for the benefit of the Greenway Committee. With the approaching close of the academic year time ran out on that project last spring, but they have resumed work now that the students have returned. They have asked if you would still be willing to spend some time with them. If so, I will pass your name and contact info on to them, and you would hear from either Reid (who, by the way is also a colleague of Paul Wetzel in his position at Smith) or Gaby Immerman, who lives in Haydenville, is on the

Greenway Committee, and works at the Smith Botanical Gardens. She is our liason to Reid.

Thanks for your interest in this project. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

John

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Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging
Date: September 17, 2012 9:54:28 PM EDT
To: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Cc: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

It seems to me that we just need to do this sometime before our next committee meeting, which would give us three more weeks after this one. I am in general almost always available in the evening. Eric?

John

From: "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
To: jhoog@comcast.net

Cc: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 9:45:05 PM

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

Sorry for the late response. This is a rough week for me. I have meetings and work commitments pretty much every night. Does the open meeting law proclude us from doing a conference call? That may be as much as I can offer unless we punt to next week.

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Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip
Date: July 27, 2012 12:51:24 PM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "jhoog@comcast.net"
<jhoog@comcast.net>

Hi you two,

So it's looking like our best bet for this trip is Friday, Jan 21st ... *except* that you're both
iffy for that day and while Friday afternoon would work better for John, Friday morning
would work better for Gaby.

I'd very much prefer you both be there. Can we do that somehow?

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 27, 2012, at 9:55 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Friday 21st morning would be preferable for me. Thanks Eric.

I may be able to get a Smith 12-passenger van for this, keep in touch with me about when you've scheduled and I'll inquire.

gaby

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: draft minutes from 11/2 MRG meeting at Smith
Date: November 8, 2012 11:29:09 AM EST
To: Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Ralmon Black <RalmonBlack@gmail.com>, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>
Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

hello friends,
attached are draft minutes from the Williamsburg MRGC Mapping working group meeting that was held at Smith College on Friday Nov 2.

Please let me know if you have any changes or concerns regarding these minutes before I submit them to the Town Clerk.

thanks to all for attending and contributing to a very productive session.
gaby

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: REMINDER! Mill River Greenway Committee meeting - Monday 8/13 at 7pm
Date: August 12, 2012 11:58:27 PM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, NealBastek@gmail.com, Nick Dines
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Hi all,

Don't forget our next meeting is Monday 8/13 at 7pm at the town hall.

Agenda:

planning for informational meeting
intro letter to town departments, organizations
public relations
planning for Great Barrington trip
feasibility study organizing

See below for a rough draft of an intro letter to town committees, departments, etc.
Please bring your suggestions about the letter to the meeting, as well as ideas for the
list of groups who should get a copy.

thanks,
Eric

Mill River Greenway Committee
Williamsburg Town Hall
Haydenville, MA

August [], 2012

Hello,

As you may have heard, on June 14, 2012, the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen voted to create the Mill River Greenway Committee. This committee was created in response to citizen interest in creating a town greenway connecting the village centers of Haydenville and Williamsburg, roughly following the Mill River.

I have included our full mission statement on the back of this letter, but our primary focus at this time is to conduct a study of the basic feasibility of this idea, to be presented to the Select Board by June 2013.

We are reaching out to your [committee/department/group] because we expect that this project may impact your area of [responsibility/interest] and because we will very likely want your input and assistance for the feasibility study, and/or for later phases if this project does turn out to be feasible.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the email/phone# below. Or you can contact the committee via the Williamsburg Town Hall.

Sincerely,
Eric Bloomquist
bearpaw01@earthlink.net
413-268-2091

Who to send a copy to:

Planning Board
Brassworks Reuse Committee
Conservation Commission
Finance Committee
Historical Commission
Open Space Committee
Recreation Commission
School Committee
Woodland Trails

Council on Aging
Fire Department
Highway Department
Library
Police Department
Water and Sewer Commission

Williamsburg Historical Society
Burgy Bullets
Mill River Greenway Initiative

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: corrected "to do" list for minutes
Date: November 11, 2012 10:27:24 PM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, John Hoogstraten
<Jhoog@comcast.net>

hi john,
here's the final version of the 'to do' list portion of the minutes from last week, minor
corrections.
thanks,
gaby

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday
Date: October 31, 2012 7:29:16 AM EDT
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman
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Dear Friends,

This is to confirm that the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee's working group
on mapping will be gathering at Smith this Friday, November 2 at noon, to meet with

Reid Bertone-Johnson and his students at Smith College. Our goal is to seek Eric Weber's input on the parcel data and cultural/historic layers impacting our target area.

The meeting has been moved to the Landscape Studies studio, which is in a building known as the "Green Box" on campus. I'd like to meet any of you who plan to attend at CEEDS as planned, then walk you over to the studio.

Please RSVP to me so I am certain to gather all of you before departing CEEDS. If you are able to arrive a few minutes early, so much the better.

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gaby

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I've got a request in to the Center for the Environment at Smith, hold off on any printing/ spending until I get a response there too.
gaby

On Wed, Aug 8, 2012 at 12:51 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:
We made an 18" x 24" color, high-quality copy of the map which I would be happy to make available for committee use, if even just for an interim period. Might be able to save Todd \$75.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2012 11:06:58 AM

Subject: Revised minutes and Map

Hi Everyone -

Thanks for the feedback on the minutes - I have incorporated your suggestions into these completed minutes.

Also, where do we stand on a large scale map? I can print a 3'x4' one in color - exactly like the one I sent a week or so ago - but at a larger scale. If I am to do so, I'd need some lead time because it takes a day for the printers to make the map. I'd be willing to contribute the map to the effort, unless there were some funding for it. At \$6 a square foot the price would be about 75 dollars with tax.

Thanks and looking forward to the meeting on Monday.

Todd

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From: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>

Subject: Newsletter Deadline Extended!

Date: October 11, 2012 10:35:36 AM EDT

To: <cjurgensen@hr-k12.org>, <melissaadams4@comcast.net>, "Anne Bussler" <abussler@k12s.phast.umass.edu>, "Anne Haxo" <act.haxo@verizon.net>, <assessors@burgy.org>, "Barbara Young" <byoung@cwmars.org>, "Bill Turner" <burgyhighway@verizon.net>, "Brenda Lessard" <townclerk@burgy.org>, "Building Commissioner" <lhasbrouck@northamptonma.gov>, "Charlene Nardi" <chesterfield.ma@verizon.net>, "Chief Denise Wickland" <wicklandd@williamsburgpd.org>, "CHRIS MORRIS" <christophermorris@verizon.net>, "Dave Mathers" <DandEMathers@verizon.net>, "Denise banister" <dbanister@mjmoraninc.com>, <dmerrithcsrc@hotmail.com>, "Don Lawton" <chieflawton@comcast.net>, "Don Turner" <dturner17@verizon.net>, "donna gibson" <donnasgibson@gmail.com>, "eleanor warnock" <selectmen@burgy.org>, <elfisho@comcast.net>, "Eric Bloomquist" <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, "Eric Cerreta" <eric@dovebusinessassociates.com>, "Eric Weber" <ewweber@comcast.net>, "Eric Weiss" <hrmc@crocker.com>, <estewart@stuaf.umass.edu>, "Foothills Health Agent" <foothillshealth@yahoo.com>, "Fred Goodhue" <FKGoodhue@comcast.net>, "Gail Paddock" <paddock_gail@yahoo.com>, "Gary Benoit" <tionebrg@msn.com>, "George Fournier" <gfournier@northamptonma.gov>, "Gerald Mann" <gm11@crocker.com>, "Gordon Allen" <gordon.allen7@gmail.com>, "Helen Symons" <LIZ9@comcast.net>, "Jacqueline Dufresne" <sugarmaker@msn.com>, "Jeff Gelbard" <jgelbard@syzygydesigns.com>, "Jim Locke" <glbuild@verizon.net>, "Joe Larkin" <hollyjoelarkin@comcast.net>, "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "John O'Sullivan" <theos4@verizon.net>, "john pohanka" <johnpohanka@comcast.net>, "Joseph Russo" <jrusso@northamptonma.gov>, "Joyce Muka" <joyce_muka@yahoo.com>, "Ken Taylor" <kta6820830@aol.com>, "Kim Boas" <wkboas@gmail.com>, "Kim Boas" <KBoas@mmwec.org>, "Kit Smith" <cggsmith@comcast.net>, "Kyle Meserve" <burgydogofficer@gmail.com>, "Lisa Berkman" <lisavb@comcast.net>, "Lisa Wenner" <lwenner@cwmars.org>, "Marie Westburg" <coa@burgy.org>, "Martin Mahoney" <martin.mahoney@verizon.net>, "Mary Kay Hannon" <hannonmk@comcast.net>, <mbisbee52@hotmail.com>, "Paul Dunphy" <paul@stevekulik.org>, "Paul Jahnige" <Paul.Jahnige@state.ma.us>, "Paul Sanderson" <petticoatburgy@yahoo.com>, "Peter Banister" <petebanister@aol.com>, "Peter Mahieu" <treasurer@burgy.org>, <pshumway@comcast.net>, "Ralmon Black" <ralmonblack@gmail.com>, "Robert

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Fall 2012 Newsletter:

Deadline for articles or information extended to **Wednesday,
October 24th!**

*Charlene L. Nardi
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*(413) 268-8418
townadmin@burgy.org*

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: minutes from Mill River Greenway subcommittee 11-2-12
Date: November 11, 2012 10:31:08 PM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, townclerk@burgy.org

hi brenda,
here are the minutes from a meeting of the Mill River Greenway Committee's working
group on mapping which took place at Smith College on 11/2/12.

thanks a lot,
gaby

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Gaby Immerman
Instructor/Internship Coordinator

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16 College Lane
Northampton, MA 01060
413-585-2745
gimmerma@smith.edu

From: "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org>
Subject: Mill River Greenway
Date: November 5, 2012 11:37:40 AM EST
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Eric –
Rob Stinson was appointed your 13th member at the last Select Board meeting.

Eleanor Warnock
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen
Town of Williamsburg
413-268-8400
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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip
Date: July 21, 2012 6:05:51 PM EDT
To: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, "<jhoog@comcast.net>" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "<CMDudek@yahoo.com>" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "<NealBastek@gmail.com>" <NealBastek@gmail.com>

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Eric

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday
Date: October 31, 2012 8:38:21 AM EDT
To: townclerk@burgy.org
Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Hello Brenda,
Please post the email below as notice for a Mill River Greenway subcommittee meeting to take place this Friday at noon.
many thanks,
gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Wed, Oct 31, 2012 at 7:29 AM
Subject: Mill River Greenway meeting this Friday
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Cc: rjstinson@comcast.net, Ralmon Black <RalmonBlack@gmail.com>, Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>, Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>

Dear Friends,

This is to confirm that the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee's working group on mapping will be gathering at Smith this Friday, November 2 at noon, to meet with

Reid Bertone-Johnson and his students at Smith College. Our goal is to seek Eric Weber's input on the parcel data and cultural/historic layers impacting our target area.

The meeting has been moved to the Landscape Studies studio, which is in a building known as the "Green Box" on campus. I'd like to meet any of you who plan to attend at CEEDS as planned, then walk you over to the studio.

Please RSVP to me so I am certain to gather all of you before departing CEEDS. If you are able to arrive a few minutes early, so much the better.

thank you!

gaby

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From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Revised minutes and Map
Date: August 8, 2012 12:51:50 PM EDT
To: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

Cc: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, CMDudek@yahoo.com, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, NealBastek@gmail.com, bearpaw01@earthlink.net

We made an 18" x 24" color, high-quality copy of the map which I would be happy to make available for committee use, if even just for an interim period. Might be able to save Todd \$75.

John

From: "Todd Lynch" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, jhoog@comcast.net, CMDudek@yahoo.com, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, NealBastek@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2012 11:06:58 AM
Subject: Revised minutes and Map

Hi Everyone -

Thanks for the feedback on the minutes - I have incorporated your suggestions into these completed minutes.

Also, where do we stand on a large scale map? I can print a 3'x4' one in color - exactly like the one I sent a week or so ago - but at a larger scale. If I am to do so, I'd need some lead time because it takes a day for the printers to make the map. I'd be willing to contribute the map to the effort, unless there were some funding for it. At \$6 a square foot the price would be about 75 dollars with tax.

Thanks and looking forward to the meeting on Monday.

Todd

-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

[mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2012 8:24 PM

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: Todd Lynch; Marvin J. Ward; <jhoog@comcast.net>;
<CMDudek@yahoo.com>;

Gaby Immerman; Nick Dines; <NealBastek@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip

Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

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From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: mtg room scheduled
Date: December 11, 2012 4:34:32 PM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Hi, Eric,

The Hawks-Hayden Community Room is booked for 7 Jan, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

It does have 2 tables, but they are not as long as the ones in the auditorium where we were last night. However, if put end to end, they may actually be more practical for spreading out the maps & all being able to get up close to them to mark them up. They were arranged that way today for the volunteer luncheon, so I could get a good idea.

I will pick up the key on Sat, 5 Jan - last day the lib is open B4 we meet. In view of my Ped Safety Comm mtg just B4 ours, you may want to get the key from me to get in should I be a bit late?

Best,
Marvin

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Best regards,
Marvin J. Ward, Ph.D.
2 Valley View Road
Williamsburg, MA 01096-9734
413-268-7998

From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 10, 2012 10:22:39 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Eric,

I wonder if you (or someone) could sit down with Marvin just prior to the 23rd with the agenda and get his input on the important topics, so we don't entirely miss out on what he might have to offer, which is always valuable.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "Neal Bastek" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Mary & Charles Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "sean gaffney" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Todd Lynch" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:30:16 AM
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting

Hi everybody,

Thanks for the responses. Based on them, I'm moving our next meeting to October 23rd. (Sorry Marvin!). I've let Brenda know about the change.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 12:41 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Unfortunately, I have to be out of town for most of the week of October 15. I don't want to simply cancel, because we we have a lot to do by June and I want to keep us going. So I'd like to either reschedule for sometime the following week, or let you all go ahead and meet on the 15th without me. (Gaby has agreed to be Acting Chair if we stick with the 15th.)

I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

Remember, this will be the meeting when we'll lay out the different pieces of "feasibility" and try to set up some timeframes. We've also got Charlene visiting to give a brief presentation and Q&A on the Open Meeting Law.

Thanks,
Eric

From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder
Date: September 8, 2012 8:48:48 AM EDT
To: Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>
Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Nick,

I believe Eric is away for the weekend. Can anyone else help with Nick's request? Or, maybe someone at Meekins?

John

From: "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "Neal Bastek" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "sean gaffney" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Todd Lynch" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, "Mary Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 8, 2012 8:34:35 AM

Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder

Eric;

I will be presenting a PowerPoint summary of the ASLA work session and will need a projector and computer, if available. Do we have access to a projector and computer. I have the talk on a USB memory stick. I can bring a laptop if needed, but I do not have a projector.

Let me know before Monday.

Thanks.

Nick

On 9/5/12 11:16 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

P.S. If you're the connection to one of our guest presenters, please make sure they know the meeting will be at Meekins. Thanks!

On Sep 5, 2012, at 11:14 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Remember that we're meeting on this coming [Monday at 7pm](#), at the Community Room in Meekins Library. (*Not* the Town Offices.)

On the agenda:

- informational presentations
- Open Meeting Law
- communications
- mapping
- Great Barrington trip
- membership

I anticipate that the presentations will take up most of the meeting. The other items will mostly be touching base.

Thanks,
Eric

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Nicholas T. Dines, FASLA, Professor Emeritus
Department of Landscape Architecture and
Regional Planning
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003
ndines@larp.umass.edu

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Subject: Re: partial minutes/"to do" list

Date: December 19, 2012 7:18:57 AM EST

To: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Jim Ayres
<jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Mary
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Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

sorry for the confusion, everyone! that's all my various meetings getting scrambled up
in my head.

gaby

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 8:52 PM, Marvin J. Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com> wrote:

The meeting is on Jan 7, NOT 8 as in this e-mail, or 14 as in the "to-do" list. The Hawks-Hayden Room @ Meekins is reserved 6:45 - 9:15 to allow for set-up & close-up (furniture moving) time.

Happy Holidays, everyone.
Marvin

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 4:01 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
hello MRGC folks,

here is the draft "to do" list from our last Mill River Greenway meeting on 12/10.

these will become part of the minutes as well as serving as a reminder of follow-up tasks to be completed in time for Jan 8 meeting.

Let me know if you have any corrections or additions.

thanks,
gaby

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Williamsburg-Haydenville Mill River Greenway Committee
Date: September 3, 2012 9:23:07 PM EDT
To: treasurer@burgy.org, rjstinson@comcast.net, RalmonBlack@comcast.net,
theos4@verizon.net, cjurgensen@hr-k12.org, paul.jahnige@state.ma.us
Cc: selectmen@burgy.org, Sally Loomis <loomissally@gmail.com>

Hello,

As you may have heard, on June 14, 2012, the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen voted to create the Mill River Greenway Committee. This committee was created in response to citizen interest in creating a town greenway connecting the village centers of Haydenville and Williamsburg, roughly following the Mill River.

I have included our full mission statement below, but our primary focus at this time is to conduct a study of the basic feasibility of this idea, to be presented to the Select Board by June 2013.

We are reaching out to your committees because we expect that this project may impact your areas of responsibility and because we will very likely want your input and assistance for the feasibility study, and/or for later phases if this project does turn out to be feasible.

Please note that our next meeting is on September 10th at 7pm, in the Community Room at the Meekins Library. We will be hosting a number of short presentations by people who have done work and/or have resources that may be relevant to the potential Greenway.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the email/phone# below. Or you can contact the committee via the Williamsburg Town Hall.

Sincerely,
Eric Bloomquist
Chair, Mill River Greenway Committee
bearpaw01@earthlink.net

413-268-2091

Mill River Greenway Mission Statement

The Mill River Greenway Committee exists to coordinate efforts in Williamsburg and Haydenville regarding the creation of a multipurpose greenway following the course of the Mill River. The Williamsburg-Haydenville Mill River Greenway will link the village centers and provide public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.

The Committee will do this by:

- Focusing and encouraging local enthusiasm, input, and participation in the project
- Respectfully working with local property owners
- Encouraging, gathering, and further developing design concepts into a proposed Williamsburg-Haydenville Mill River Greenway Plan
- Teaming up with related town committees and organizations, including but not limited to:
 - Conservation Commission
 - Historical Society and Historical Commission
 - Open Space Committee
 - Recreation Commission
 - Woodland Trails Committee
- Identifying and tapping into private and public resources, on local, regional, state, and federal levels, including but not limited to:
 - local volunteers
 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
 - student and professional resources from local colleges
 - Mill River Greenway Initiative
 - other towns along the Mill River
 - private and public grants and other funding sources

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

Date: September 3, 2012 11:21:24 AM EDT

To: jhoog@comcast.net, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Hi,

Here's a quick suggestion for something to propose to the Committee as basic points about the current state of our work:

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What do you think?

thanks,
Eric

From: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>

Subject: Re: Contact in Great Barrington
Date: November 28, 2012 10:14:15 AM EST
To: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Cc: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Rob & Judy Stinson <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Hi Todd,

Rachel Fletcher at rfletch@bcn.net

Eric

On Nov 28, 2012, at 10:01 AM, "Todd Lynch " <todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi All –

Could someone pass along the information for the woman we met with in Great Barrington? I have some questions for her about some of the legal constraints she encountered for their project.

Thanks!

Todd

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
Date: August 6, 2012 1:10:00 PM EDT
To: bearpaw01@comcast.net

hi eric,
our field trip would interest a group of Reid's students that could be somewhere between 5-15 in size. I look forward to updating you and the Committee on the student power that will be available to us this fall through Smith. Have you heard back from Rachael?

gaby

On Sat, Aug 4, 2012 at 1:33 PM, <bearpaw01@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Gaby,

I think it's great, and I definitely want to encourage the Smith connection, but I worry about overwhelming our hosts. I've emailed Rachael and asked how she feels about it. An alternate possibility I suggested to her was a separate visit for the Smith College people (perhaps with you and another member (me?) of the Greenway committee along).

I'll let you know what she says.

Thanks!

Eric

On Aug 3, 2012, at 7:43 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

hi eric, what do you think about Reid's proposal below?
thanks,
gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 10:39 AM
Subject: Fwd: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Eric - see below from Reid B-J at Smith. Are you game to make this more than just us? If so, transportation covered for the committee! Let me know and I'll get back to Reid about it.

gaby

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From: **Reid Bertone-Johnson** <rbertone@smith.edu>
Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 6:31 AM
Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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From: "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org>
Subject: committee attendance
Date: October 24, 2012 11:37:46 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Eric —

I just looked at the Mill River Greenway minutes from Sept 10 and I am amazed at all of the interested visitors present!

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group
Date: October 11, 2012 1:14:00 PM EDT
To: Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Hi Jim,

Unfortunately, because this is (I think) covered under the Open Meeting Law, we can't do it that way. "Remote participation" is only covered under specific circumstances.

And to answer your other email, yes, the Committee will be meeting back at the town offices.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 10, 2012, at 5:54 PM, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com> wrote:

I have another commitment then. Would it be possible to call in? I could probably sneak away from my other commitment for 20 or 30 minutes for a phone conversation.

Jim

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 8, 2012, at 10:11 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

I'll be there.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
To: "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2012 8:58:29 PM
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group

Hi,

Okay, let's do this Thursday evening at 7pm at the Town Offices.
Jim, can you make that?

Agenda:

- General messaging points
- Short article for town newsletter
(technically, the deadline for submission is 10/11, but Charlene said she can be flexible)

I'll let Brenda know.

thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 8:09 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

- > Either one works fine for me.
- > John
- >
- > From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
- > To: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

> Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2012 12:22:18 PM
> Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging
>
> Hi,
>
> I've been remiss in following through with this. Are you two
available next Tuesday or Thursday evening?
>
> Thanks,
> Eric
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> On Sep 14, 2012, at 7:57 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:
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> I'm available most evenings.
>
> John
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> From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
> To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
> Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
> Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:49:23 AM
> Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging
>
> Hi,
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> When are best times to meet for you two? My Wednesday
evenings are taken, but I'm usually available other weekday
evenings.
>
> Thanks,
> Eric
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> On Sep 3, 2012, at 11:21 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:
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> > Hi,
> >
> > Here's a quick suggestion for something to propose to the
Committee as basic points about the current state of our work:
> >
> > - The basic idea is to create a multipurpose greenway roughly
following the path of the Mill River, linking the village centers and
providing public access to adjacent natural settings, historically
important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.
> > - Our first goal is to find out whether the idea is possible, and
to report on the feasibility to the the Select Board by June of
2013.
> > - We plan on respectfully working with local property owners.
> > - We will be looking into varied sources of funding, public and
private.
> > - We will be working with related town committees and local
organizations.
> >
> > It's basically a distilled version of our mission statement.
> >
> > What do you think?
> >
> > thanks,
> > Eric
> >

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: mill river greenway
Date: August 15, 2012 12:03:08 PM EDT
To: Selectmen <selectmen@burgy.org>

Hi Eleanor,

1) Yes: Jim Ayres, Rose Bookbinder, and Larry West all expressed interest at our latest meeting, and we'd be glad to have them. I understand that Jim has spoken to Paul Dunphy. Rose and Larry know that they need to contact the Board and express their interest officially. (I'm also glad to potentially get another woman.)

2) At the time the Select Board created the committee, there were only 8 people committed to being on it, so a 13-seat committee would have meant for a tight quorum requirement. With Sean joining, we're at 9. If even 2 of the 3 listed above join, that'll fill all current seats -- and all 3 would bring skills and perspectives that the committee can use. (I also understand there's also at least one more woman interested, though I haven't been in touch with her yet.)

If the Select Board wants to wait until a total of 12 or 13 people have actually officially requested membership before they raise the number of seats, I'm fine with that.

In case it comes up, I doubt very much that we'll want to expand beyond 13. Judging from the discussion Monday evening, I don't think the committee would want it, and I'd argue against it. (It's going to be like herding cats as it is!)

3) I'd like to get the Select Board minutes by email, please.

Thanks,
Eric

On Aug 14, 2012, at 1:16 PM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –

1. I understand there are some new people being proposed for the Mill River Greenway Committee. Could you confirm that you vouch for them, and could you ask that they send letters of interest to us? Email is fine. If we get the letters of interest by the meeting this Thursday, they can be on the agenda for approval. The next meeting will be Sept 6. (Glad that you're getting some women!)

2. I also understand that you'd like the number increased to 13. Would you confirm? I remember there was concern that people are full of enthusiasm at the beginning and then tend to drop away and the board didn't want you to be stuck with an unworkable quorum number.

3. We used to give paper copies of Select Board minutes to all the board mailboxes, but now we ask board chairs if they want them by email, by paper, or neither (some people get them from the website). (Assuming they will share with their committees as is useful.) What is your preference?

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk
Date: August 7, 2012 8:19:13 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@comcast.net
Cc: Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>

Hi Eric,

that's great news! I also confirmed that it is indeed fine to transport committee members in Smith vans as long as it is a "Smith function," which this would be by virtue of students' inclusion.

Here is a scenario for you both to consider: Reid and I can reserve two Smith 12-passenger vans, each of us driving one. That makes 24 souls total (Reid and I included) that can be accommodated. If committee folks can converge on Smith campus, we can all ride together back and forth to Great Barrington. We can 'reserve seats' for committee members (how many are you expecting, Eric?) and then offer the remaining spots to students on a first-come, first-served sign up basis. If we mix committee members and students in each vehicle, we could get some nice cross-pollination going for both teams on the rides to and from the Riverwalk.

In terms of timing, the earlier the better in my view. 8:30am seems a reasonable meet-up time at Smith, aiming for Rachael at 10am. Could we plan to hit the road by 1:30 for 3pm return?

gaby

On Mon, Aug 6, 2012 at 5:40 PM, <bearpaw01@comcast.net> wrote:
Hi Gaby,

Rachel responded and said she's good with a bigger group. She's reserved a room that'll hold about 25, so could we hold the Smith contingent to about a dozen?

When would the Smith folks need to be back? Rachel's tentative schedule for us is roughly 10am to noon, with a walk and/or lunch after that. Shall I ask her if we can start earlier? It's about an hour-and-a-half drive from Northampton to Great Barrington.

(Also: Will, the person who coordinates the student volunteers, unfortunately might not be able to join us unless some of us hang around for the afternoon.)

Thanks for being our Smith connection!

Eric

On Aug 6, 2012, at 1:10 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

hi eric,
our field trip would interest a group of Reid's students that could be somewhere between 5-15 in size. I look forward to updating you and the Committee on the student power that will be available to us this fall through Smith. Have you heard back from Rachael?

gaby

On Sat, Aug 4, 2012 at 1:33 PM, <bearpaw01@comcast.net> wrote:
Hi Gaby,

I think it's great, and I definitely want to encourage the Smith connection, but I worry about overwhelming our hosts. I've emailed Rachael and asked how she feels about it. An alternate possibility I suggested to her was a separate visit for the Smith College people (perhaps with you and another member (me?) of the Greenway committee along).

I'll let you know what she says.

Thanks!
Eric

On Aug 3, 2012, at 7:43 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

hi eric, what do you think about Reid's proposal below?
thanks,
gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gaby Immerman** <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 10:39 AM
Subject: Fwd: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk

To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Eric - see below from Reid B-J at Smith. Are you game to make this more than just us? If so, transportation covered for the committee! Let me know and I'll get back to Reid about it.

gaby

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Reid Bertone-Johnson** <rbertone@smith.edu>

Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 6:31 AM

Subject: Re: field trip to Gr Barrington Riverwalk

To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip
Date: July 27, 2012 9:55:37 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Friday 21st morning would be preferable for me. Thanks Eric.

I may be able to get a Smith 12-passenger van for this, keep in touch with me about when you've scheduled and I'll inquire.

gaby

On Thu, Jul 26, 2012 at 8:23 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

> Hi all,
>
> I've been in touch with Rachel Fletcher, of the Great Barrington RiverWalk. She's been involved in the RiverWalk since its beginnings in 1988, and has graciously offered to meet with us if we go there for a visit.
>
> She is best available on some Fridays and Saturdays in September: 14, 15, 21, or 22. I have set up a Doodle poll to judge everyone's availability at:
>
> <http://doodle.com/3rstdbimkk3verre>
>
> I understand that most of us can probably more easily make it on one of the Saturdays, but note that if we can go on one of the Fridays, we may also get to speak with two people in addition to Rachel. Will Conklin is very knowledgeable about their site management and organizing young people to help maintain the RiverWalk. And Heather Cupo is their horticulturalist.
>
> Please take the poll so I can let Rachel know when we'll be there.
>
> Eric
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> P.S. This field trip is primarily meant as a site visit for committee members, but as far as I'm concerned, family members and people from related committees are welcome as well, as long as we don't overwhelm our hosts.
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From: "Rachel Fletcher" <rffetch@bcn.net>
Subject: RE: belated RiverWalk follow-up 3 of 3
Date: October 4, 2012 12:57:07 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

And here are my files on invasive plants. Also check out http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/conservation/invasives/invasive_plant_info.htm to get information about a guide. At 9 mg I dare not send it. I don't have a way to send things by FTP while on the road.
Rachel

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 2:35 PM
To: Rachel Fletcher
Subject: belated RiverWalk follow-up

Hi Rachel,

Better late than never, here's your requested reminder. Could you send us copies of the following things?

- conservation easements
- master plan maps
- newsletter
- policies

(Digital versions are preferred -- and probably easier for you -- but if there is anything that you'd rather send us via regular mail, please send it to: Mill River Greenway Committee,

Town Offices, POB 447, Haydenville, MA 01093.)

Also, do you have an invasive species management plan? And could you share a quick list of funding sources? (Feel free to omit any sources you feel at all protective of -- I don't want to risk poaching on your resources!)

Thanks very much for being so generous with your time and knowledge. You've given our Greenway Committee a valuable look at the sort of thing that can be done.

Eric

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee
Date: September 12, 2012 10:44:19 PM EDT
To: townclerk@burgy.org
Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Hello Brenda,

This email is to provide notification of the following two upcoming gatherings of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee:

- 1) Monday, Sept 17, 2pm. Several members of the committee will meet with Reid Bertone-Johnson at Smith College's Center for the Environment to discuss his production of large-format color maps for the committee's use in its deliberations.
- 2) Friday, Sept 21. Members of the Committee will travel to Great Barrington, MA, to tour the Housatonic River Walk and meet with local organizers about the project. The

committee will gather in the Town Offices parking lot at 8:15am and depart in carpools at 8:30am. We expect to return around 2:30pm.

Please find attached the minutes from our August meeting.

thank you,
gaby

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From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 4, 2012 8:08:51 PM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

I would also hate to see Eric miss this important meeting, and would like to encourage everyone to respond as quickly as possible to this poll so we can come up with an alternative.

Thanks!

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
To: "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "Neal Bastek" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Mary & Charles Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "sean gaffney" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "John Hoogstraten"

<jhoog@comcast.net>, "Gaby Immerman"
<gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Todd Lynch"
<todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin Ward"
<marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2012 12:41:51 PM
Subject: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting

Hi all,

Unfortunately, I have to be out of town for most of the week of October 15. I don't want to simply cancel, because we we have a lot to do by June and I want to keep us going. So I'd like to either reschedule for sometime the following week, or let you all go ahead and meet on the 15th without me. (Gaby has agreed to be Acting Chair if we stick with the 15th.)

I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

Remember, this will be the meeting when we'll lay out the different pieces of "feasibility" and try to set up some timeframes. We've also got Charlene visiting to give a brief presentation and Q&A on the Open Meeting Law.

Thanks,
Eric

From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder

Date: September 8, 2012 12:26:23 PM EDT

To: Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>

Cc: bearpaw01@earthlink.net, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>

The library has a Dell laptop computer and a projector, so anyone who uses Apple equipment & brings her/his own computer will need to provide the appropriate interface for the projector. Having the presentation on a flash/thumb drive should work fine.

We have the room from 6:30 to 9:30 to allow for set-up & take down. I have the key, & will be there by 6:30.

I also have a hard copy of the Open Meeting law & the Guide prepared by Att'y Gen. Martha Coakley's office, & believe that Charlene was given an incorrect answer to her question, in part b/c Charlene misunderstood the nature & purpose of the 'sub-committees', that is, in fact, the result of our misunderstanding of that term. It also contains specific guidelines concerning minutes and what needs & does not need to be attached to them.

Marvin

On Sat, Sep 8, 2012 at 8:34 AM, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu> wrote:
Eric;

I will be presenting a PowerPoint summary of the ASLA work session and will need a projector and computer, if available. Do we have access to a projector and computer. I have the talk on a USB memory stick. I can bring a laptop if needed, but I do not have a projector.

Let me know before Monday.

Thanks.
Nick

On 9/5/12 11:16 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:
P.S. If you're the connection to one of our guest presenters, please make sure they know the meeting will be at Meekins. Thanks!

On Sep 5, 2012, at 11:14 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Remember that we're meeting on this coming **Monday at 7pm**, at the Community Room in Meekins Library. (*Not* the Town Offices.)

On the agenda:

- informational presentations
- Open Meeting Law
- communications
- mapping
- Great Barrington trip
- membership

I anticipate that the presentations will take up most of the meeting. The other items will mostly be touching base.

Thanks,
Eric

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Best regards,
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413-268-7998

From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder
Date: September 5, 2012 3:55:33 PM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Hi, Eric,
Just a note to say that the Nov mtg on the 2nd Mon also falls on a nat'l holiday: Veterans Day, & some people may want/need to shift it to the 3rd Mon again. Perhaps not, but it probably should be mentioned so as not to catch people who weren't paying att'n off guard.

Best,
Marvin

On Wed, Sep 5, 2012 at 11:14 AM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
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From: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Contact in Great Barrington
Date: December 4, 2012 3:23:26 PM EST
To: 'Eric Bloomquist' <eab@me.com>

[Hi Eric](#) –

Thank you for the note and for the reminder. I'd like to see the pdfs you have and then I can determine which layers to ask PVPC for.

Thanks for sending them along!

Best,

Todd

From: Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 2:45 PM

To: Todd Lynch

Subject: Re: Contact in Great Barrington

Hi Todd,

I have PDFs of the following maps:

- zoning 2003
- water supplies and flood plain
- soils
- protected land
- action plan

If you like, I'll pop them in an email for you.

If what you're looking for is GIS layers, I think we'd need to make a formal request to PVPC ... which might be a good idea.

Eric

On Dec 3, 2012, at 12:45 PM, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Eric –

Do you have the digital files for the current Open space plan Maps – that PVPC Developed?

- a. Municipal Zoning Districts
- b. Soil Limitations to Development
- c. Natural Environment
- d. Recreation, Protected, and Chapter Lands
- e. Water Supplies, Flood Plain and Slopes
- f. Seven Year Action Plan

Thanks Eric!

Todd

From: Eric Bloomquist [<mailto:eab@me.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 10:14 AM

To: Todd Lynch

Cc: Gaby Immerman; Jim Ayres; John Hoogstraten; Marvin J. Ward; Mary Dudek; Neal Bastek; Nick Dines; Sean Gaffney; Rob & Judy Stinson

Subject: Re: Contact in Great Barrington

Hi Todd,

Rachel Fletcher at rfletch@bcn.net

Eric

On Nov 28, 2012, at 10:01 AM, "Todd Lynch "
<todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi All –

Could someone pass along the information for the woman we met with in Great Barrington? I have some questions for her about some of the legal constraints she encountered for their project.

Thanks!

Todd

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Open Meeting Laws

Date: September 4, 2012 5:11:13 PM EDT

To: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi everybody,

Please see the email exchange between Charlene and myself below. This is of particular note to people in the two small groups tasked at the last committee meeting to (1) create a short set of informational points about the committee and a Greenway and (2) organize our map resources.

To put it simply, sub-committees need to publically post and conduct their meetings and keep minutes ... and just as with the larger committee, discussion and decision-making within those groups *cannot* happen via email.

I know our meeting on Monday is going to be mostly taken up with informational presentations from various folks, but I'm going to add this to our agenda to at least touch base on.

The other issue I discussed with her was the Open Meeting Law as it applies to our trip to Great Barrington. As long as we refrain from any deliberation as a group or decision-making, we're fine. No need to keep minutes or anything like that.

Charlene has generously agreed to come to our October meeting to give us a quick overview of the Open Meeting Law and answer any questions. I encourage everybody to take the time to review the OML Guide (<http://www.mass.gov/ago/docs/government/2012-2-10-oml-guide.pdf>) and Frequently Asked Questions (<http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/oml-faqs/>) before then.

Thanks,
Eric

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>
Date: September 4, 2012 3:30:50 PM EDT
To: "'Charlene L. Nardi'" <townadmin@burgy.org>, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Subject: RE: more questions regarding Open Meeting Law

Hi Eric,

Item #2: I just spoke with Phil from the Attorney General's office and he told me that if two or more individuals are appointed a task from the original body – they are a subcommittee and therefore subject to all the rules of the open meeting law. So in answer to your question, no, that work can't be done by email. I always felt certain if it was less than a quorum and they were working towards a specific task that was then being brought back then it was okay; however, I was a bit concerned about the new reading of the law when I read the more specific definition of subcommittee.

I did use the examples you gave for the work being done by the individuals when I spoke with Phil. However, if you would like to get them to look more closely at your particular case you can email them with further details (although I am guessing that the answer will be the same) at openmeeting@state.ma.us.

So, the bottom line is that your individuals have to meet publically per the open meeting law. Not the answer I am sure you wanted to get the most work done.

Charlene

-----Original Message-----

From: Charlene L. Nardi [mailto:townadmin@burgy.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 2:20 PM
To: 'bearpaw01@earthlink.net'
Subject: RE: more questions regarding Open Meeting Law

Hi Eric,

I am sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

1. Yes, site visits are excluded from the Open Meeting Law as long as you only "take in" information and not deliberate on it. Some committees post their site visits as an extra caution and for notification to the public, but you are NOT required to.
2. You know, I am uncertain. In the past I would have said with certainty that those three person work groups are not subject to the Open Meeting law; however with all the scrutiny I want to double check. I have two calls in to the Attorney General's Division of Open Government. I will let you know what I learn.
3. Yes, I will gladly attend the meeting [on Monday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.](#) to discuss what I know about the OML.

Charlene

-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [<mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Monday, September 03, 2012 11:43 AM

To: Charlene L. Nardi

Subject: more questions regarding Open Meeting Law

Hi Charlene,

I wonder if you could give me a quick reality check regarding the Open Meeting law and the Greenway Committee. We've gotten some push on this, and I want to make sure we have things right.

1) Most of the committee will be visiting the Great Barrington RiverWalk in a couple of weeks, and we'll be speaking with one or two of the organizers there. My understanding is that as long as we have no formal discussion and make no decisions, this visit is excluded from the OML. Is that correct?

2) We have a couple of small (3-person) subcommittees working on things between meetings. One group is putting together a short set of "talking points" to keep things clear with our neighbors (and the press when it comes to that). Another group is looking into organizing maps & GIS resources. As long as these small groups bringing suggestions and information back to official meetings of the full committee for discussion and decisions, they don't need minutes, correct? And am I correct that these small groups can do some or all of their communicating via email?

Also, I was wondering if you'd be willing to attend our October meeting for a quick OML briefing and some Q&A? It's [on October 15th at 7pm](#) at the town office, and I'd make sure you were first on the agenda. (I'd also encourage members to (re)read the OML material before then.)

thanks,
Eric

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: REMINDER! Re: first Mill River Greenway Committee meeting
Date: July 10, 2012 10:42:27 PM EDT
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: REMINDER! Mill River Greenway Committee meeting - Monday 8/13 at 7pm
Date: August 13, 2012 10:26:53 AM EDT
To: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>

Hi,

Jim's definitely interested. He said he'll be at tonight's meeting and if he's still interested at the end, we'll get the Select Board to make it official.

I haven't heard from any other prospects at this point. Do you happen to know anybody who might be interested who owns a business in town, especially one near the river?

See you tonight.

Eric

On Aug 13, 2012, at 8:09 AM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

Hi Eric,

The letter sounds fine to me, and is a good idea. I would suggest cc'ing it to the Selectboard, just to keep them in the loop with our activities.

I see Jim Ayres name on the email. Is he in? Checking it out? Are there any other interested persons? I have spoken to a few, but so far have only gotten "well, maybe" as a response.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, NealBastek@gmail.com, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, CMDudek@yahoo.com, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Todd Lynch" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, "sean gaffney" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 11:58:27 PM
Subject: REMINDER! Mill River Greenway Committee meeting - Monday 8/13 at 7pm

Hi all,

Don't forget our next meeting is Monday 8/13 at 7pm at the town hall.

Agenda:

planning for informational meeting
intro letter to town departments, organizations
public relations

planning for Great Barrington trip
feasibility study organizing

See below for a rough draft of an intro letter to town committees, departments, etc. Please bring your suggestions about the letter to the meeting, as well as ideas for the list of groups who should get a copy.

thanks,
Eric

Mill River Greenway Committee
Williamsburg Town Hall
Haydenville, MA

August [], 2012

Hello,

As you may have heard, on June 14, 2012, the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen voted to create the Mill River Greenway Committee. This committee was created in response to citizen interest in creating a town greenway connecting the village centers of Haydenville and Williamsburg, roughly following the Mill River.

I have included our full mission statement on the back of this letter, but our primary focus at this time is to conduct a study of the basic feasibility of this idea, to be presented to the Select Board by June 2013.

We are reaching out to your [committee/departments/group] because we expect that this project may impact your area of [responsibility/interest] and because we will very likely want your

input and assistance for the feasibility study, and/or for later phases if this project does turn out to be feasible.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the email/phone# below. Or you can contact the committee via the Williamsburg Town Hall.

Sincerely,
Eric Bloomquist
bearpaw01@earthlink.net
413-268-2091

Who to send a copy to:

Planning Board
Brassworks Reuse Committee
Conservation Commission
Finance Committee
Historical Commission
Open Space Committee
Recreation Commission
School Committee
Woodland Trails

Council on Aging
Fire Department
Highway Department
Library
Police Department
Water and Sewer Commission

Williamsburg Historical Society
Burgundy Bullets
Mill River Greenway Initiative

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: [whmrg] Greenway Committee August minutes
Date: August 28, 2012 10:24:54 AM EDT
To: W-H Mill River Greenway Committee <whmrg@googlegroups.com>
Reply-To: whmrg@googlegroups.com

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thanks,
gaby

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From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: October 23rd Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 21, 2012 12:53:38 PM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: jim ayres <jamesayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Mary & Charles Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

Hi, Eric,

Thanks for the note, but the copy I rec'd did not have any attachments. If I am to provide any feedback & have any input in my inability to attend the mtg, b/c all the other options for a replacement date were days that I am never available (the Thurs ones b/c I am volunteering @ Meekins) as established in the initial poll of regular availability, I'll need to receive them w/ sufficient lead time for me to be able to read them & respond to all. I am committed this afternoon, & have the Pedestrian Safety Committee mtg tomorrow eve.

Marvin

On Sun, Oct 21, 2012 at 12:37 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
Hi all,

Just a reminder that our next meeting is this Tuesday, October 23, 7pm, at the town offices in Haydenville.

Charlene will be there to answer our questions about the Open Meeting Law. (I've attached a copy of the Open Meeting Guide, for those of you who haven't reviewed it recently.)

I've also attached a couple of things that John and I worked on re public communications, for the committee to consider and (hopefully) approve. One is a list of important things to keep in mind as we talk to our friends and neighbors about the Greenway. Word is definitely getting out about the project and it would be good to try to keep things grounded in reality. The other is a proposed short introductory article about the Greenway for the next Williamsburg Newsletter. Please bring any feedback you have about either of these things to Tuesday's meeting.

Lastly, our biggest goal for this meeting is to organize ourselves around the process of evaluating the feasibility of the Greenway. The general idea is to divide the process into manageable pieces, and set up working groups for each of those pieces. The working groups will report back at the monthly committee meetings for discussion, guidance, and decisions. Bring your ideas about how to divvy things up and what you'd be interested in working on.

Thanks, everybody -- see you Tuesday!

Eric

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Best regards,
Marvin J. Ward, Ph.D.
2 Valley View Road
Williamsburg, MA 01096-9734
413-268-7998

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 4, 2012 12:41:51 PM EDT
To: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi all,

Unfortunately, I have to be out of town for most of the week of October 15. I don't want to simply cancel, because we we have a lot to do by June and I want to keep us going. So I'd like to either reschedule for sometime the following week, or let you all go ahead and meet on the 15th without me. (Gaby has agreed to be Acting Chair if we stick with the 15th.)

I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

Remember, this will be the meeting when we'll lay out the different pieces of "feasibility" and try to set up some timeframes. We've also got Charlene visiting to give a brief presentation and Q&A on the Open Meeting Law.

Thanks,
Eric

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip
Date: July 26, 2012 8:23:31 PM EDT
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward"
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Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

I've been in touch with Rachel Fletcher, of the Great Barrington RiverWalk. She's been involved in the RiverWalk since its beginnings in 1988, and has graciously offered to meet with us if we go there for a visit.

She is best available on some Fridays and Saturdays in September: 14, 15, 21, or 22. I have set up a Doodle poll to judge everyone's availability at:

<http://doodle.com/3rstdbimkk3verre>

I understand that most of us can probably more easily make it on one of the Saturdays, but note that if we can go on one of the Fridays, we may also get to speak with two people in addition to Rachel. Will Conklin is very knowledgeable about their site management and organizing young people to help maintain the RiverWalk. And Heather Cupo is their horticulturalist.

Please take the poll so I can let Rachel know when we'll be there.

Eric

P.S. This field trip is primarily meant as a site visit for committee members, but as far as I'm concerned, family members and people from related committees are welcome as well, as long as we don't overwhelm our hosts.

From: jhoog@comcast.net

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group

Date: October 8, 2012 10:11:59 PM EDT

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

I'll be there.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

To: "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 8, 2012 8:58:29 PM

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group

Hi,

Okay, let's do this Thursday evening at 7pm at the Town Offices.
Jim, can you make that?

Agenda:

- General messaging points

- Short article for town newsletter

- (technically, the deadline for submission is 10/11, but Charlene said she can be flexible)

I'll let Brenda know.

thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 8:09 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

> Either one works fine for me.

> John

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> From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

> To: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

> Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2012 12:22:18 PM

> Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

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> Hi,

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> I've been remiss in following through with this. Are you two available next Tuesday or Thursday evening?

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> Thanks,

> Eric

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> On Sep 14, 2012, at 7:57 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

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> I'm available most evenings.

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> John

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> From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

> To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

> Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

> Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:49:23 AM

> Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

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> Hi,

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> When are best times to meet for you two? My Wednesday evenings are taken, but I'm usually available other weekday evenings.

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> Thanks,

> Eric

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> On Sep 3, 2012, at 11:21 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

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> > Hi,

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> > Here's a quick suggestion for something to propose to the Committee as basic points about the current state of our work:

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> > - The basic idea is to create a multipurpose greenway roughly following the path of the Mill River, linking the village centers and providing public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.

> > - Our first goal is to find out whether the idea is possible, and to report on the feasibility to the the Select Board by June of 2013.

> > - We plan on respectfully working with local property owners.

> > - We will be looking into varied sources of funding, public and private.

> > - We will be working with related town committees and local organizations.

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> > It's basically a distilled version of our mission statement.

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> > What do you think?

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> > thanks,

> > Eric

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From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway - attachments
Date: October 23, 2012 9:28:54 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: "gimmerma@smith.edu" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "ndines@larp.umass.edu" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "jamesrayres@gmail.com" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "seannyg@gmail.com" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "todd_lynch@comcast.net" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

Greetings all,
Reviewing the 2 docs; I'd make a few suggestions.

In the Newsletter piece, I'd move the word "process" to follow "Visioning" & make it plural: "processes." I'd change "idea" to "concept" in the 1st sentence of the 2nd paragraph to eliminate a repetition. In the next to last paragraph, I don't find "roughed out" very felicitous; it sounds too close to "roughed up." Perhaps something along the lines of "...as the rough outlines of the form, scale, and timeframe are developed." would read better? It occurs to me that a timeframe ought to be suggested for the "public meeting," such as "in the spring" so that readers will not expect it to be happening soon.

The "talking points" are not much different in content. I assume this doc is not intended for publication?

I hope that the date selected for the Nov mtg, since a town committee cannot legally meet on a federal holiday, which the 2nd Mon is, will be one when I can attend.
Marvin

On Sun, Oct 21, 2012 at 1:03 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
Sorry, let's try the attachments again ...

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413-268-7998

From: "Todd Lynch " <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Subject: Revised minutes and Map
Date: August 8, 2012 11:06:58 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, <jhoog@comcast.net>, <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, <NealBastek@gmail.com>

Hi Everyone -

Thanks for the feedback on the minutes - I have incorporated your suggestions into these completed minutes.

Also, where do we stand on a large scale map? I can print a 3'x4' one in color - exactly like the one I sent a week or so ago - but at a larger scale. If I am to do so, I'd need some lead time because it takes a day for the printers to make the map. I'd be willing to contribute the map to the effort, unless there were some funding for it. At \$6 a square foot the price would be about 75 dollars with tax.

Thanks and looking forward to the meeting on Monday.

Todd

-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2012 8:24 PM
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: Todd Lynch; Marvin J. Ward; <jhoog@comcast.net>; <CMDudek@yahoo.com>; Gaby Immerman; Nick Dines; <NealBastek@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip

Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the

Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

I've been in touch with Rachel Fletcher, of the Great Barrington RiverWalk. She's been involved in the RiverWalk since its beginnings in 1988, and has graciously offered to meet with us if we go there for a visit.

She is best available on some Fridays and Saturdays in September: 14, 15, 21, or 22. I have set up a Doodle poll to judge everyone's availability at:

<http://doodle.com/3rstdbimkk3verre>

I understand that most of us can probably more easily make it on one of the Saturdays, but note that if we can go on one of the Fridays, we may also get to speak with two people in addition to Rachel. Will Conklin is very knowledgeable about their site management and organizing young people to help maintain the RiverWalk. And Heather Cupo is their horticulturalist.

Please take the poll so I can let Rachel know when we'll be there.

Eric

P.S. This field trip is primarily meant as a site visit for committee members, but as far as I'm concerned, family members and people from related committees are welcome as well, as long as we don't overwhelm our hosts.

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Mill River Greenway - attachments

Date: October 21, 2012 1:03:46 PM EDT

To: "gimmerma@smith.edu" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "ndines@larp.umass.edu" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "jamesrayres@gmail.com" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "seannyg@gmail.com" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "todd_lynch@comcast.net" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "marvin.j.ward@gmail.com" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Sorry, let's try the attachments again ...

From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Re: 11/5 meeting minutes
Date: December 12, 2012 8:53:37 AM EST
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: jamesrayres@gmail.com, nealbastek@gmail.com, bearpaw01@earthlink.net, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, todd lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, marvin j ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>

Sean (Jim, et al),

For the "Funding Parking Lot": a Gazette article on Monday referenced the state Parklands Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) programs, which funds such projects. I can't recall if we knew of this already, but it seems worth taking note of. Also, a Haydenville resident, Laura Porter, is willing and eager to help the committee in a non-member role. She had wanted to join the committee, but couldn't work out the time commitment. Her skills include fundraising and grant-writing. It would be good to have her name in mind when the time comes to consider those activities. Her email is lauraporter@yahoo.com.

Regarding our next meeting: a big, flat table with good lighting seems critical to working productively with the maps. The auditorium lighting was awful. The planning board does meet on first Mondays in the room across the hall. As an alternative to the idea of meeting at the library, I would be happy to bring to the meeting a 4x8 sheet of smooth plywood that we could lay on top of the round tables in our usual room on the first floor. A bit goofy, but effective. Thoughts?

John

From: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>
To: "Sean Gaffney" <seannyg@gmail.com>
Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, jamesrayres@gmail.com, nealbastek@gmail.com, bearpaw01@earthlink.net, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, "todd lynch" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "marvin j ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 10:30:37 AM
Subject: Re: 11/5 meeting minutes

Hi Sean,

At last night's meeting, we confirmed with Charlene the Town Administrator that we can safely create a Google Doc or equivalent to serve as our Funding Parking lot. Jim has agreed to set it up, so if you want to pass your doc along to him we can get that going.

The minutes will show we've got this document on file and we can easily make it available to anyone who wishes to have a look at it.

Next meeting Jan 7.

gaby

On Mon, Dec 10, 2012 at 3:58 PM, Sean Gaffney
<seannyg@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi all,

I have a conflict this evening with my daughters choir performance and will not be able to make the meeting.

I have created a document which can serve as list of funding sources/ opportunities/ideas. The things that are currently on the list come from the PVPC proposal for work on the Greenway that many of you have probably seen.

I have a question about how to share that document with everyone outside of our scheduled monthly meeting times, and how to receive input from you all to add to the document. The open law has me a bit confused on these matters.

My thought is that I could send out a n email copy to everyone and then bring a printed version of the email and the attached document to the next meeting so that it can be put in our file. That way people can be prepared to bring their additions to our next meeting and I can add those to the document for the following meeting, etc...

Any (appropriate and legal) thoughts or comments would be appreciated. My apologies for a second absence in a row.

Sean Gaffney
[413-695-3520](tel:413-695-3520)

On Sun, Dec 9, 2012 at 8:26 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:
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Thanks.

John

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging
Date: October 4, 2012 12:22:18 PM EDT
To: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Hi,

I've been remiss in following through with this. Are you two available next Tuesday or Thursday evening?

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 14, 2012, at 7:57 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

I'm available most evenings.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:49:23 AM

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

Hi,

When are best times to meet for you two? My Wednesday evenings are taken, but I'm usually available other weekday evenings.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 3, 2012, at 11:21 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

> Hi,

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> Here's a quick suggestion for something to propose to the Committee as basic points about the current state of our work:

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> - The basic idea is to create a multipurpose greenway roughly following the path of the Mill River, linking the village centers and providing public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.

> - Our first goal is to find out whether the idea is possible, and to report on the feasibility to the the Select Board by June of 2013.

> - We plan on respectfully working with local property owners.

> - We will be looking into varied sources of funding, public and private.

> - We will be working with related town committees and local organizations.

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> It's basically a distilled version of our mission statement.

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> What do you think?

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> thanks,

> Eric

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting

Date: October 10, 2012 9:30:16 AM EDT

To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

Hi everybody,

Thanks for the responses. Based on them, I'm moving our next meeting to October 23rd. (Sorry Marvin!). I've let Brenda know about the change.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 12:41 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Unfortunately, I have to be out of town for most of the week of October 15. I don't want to simply cancel, because we we have a lot to do by June and I want to keep us going. So I'd like to either reschedule for sometime the following week, or let you all go ahead and meet on the 15th without me. (Gaby has agreed to be Acting Chair if we stick with the 15th.)

I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

Remember, this will be the meeting when we'll lay out the different pieces of "feasibility" and try to set up some timeframes. We've also got Charlene visiting to give a brief presentation and Q&A on the Open Meeting Law.

Thanks,
Eric

From: Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>
Subject: Re: MRGC 11/2/12 meeting follow up
Date: November 30, 2012 10:56:51 AM EST
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, Todd Lynch
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Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, Eric Bloomquist
<bearpaw01@comcast.net>

Gaby;

I talked with Mark Moore in the Lennox office of MassDOT about the digital maps for the Route 9 corridor from Williamsburg Center to Haydenville Center.

1. The hard copies that I have are not based upon accurate digital Auto Cad survey maps. The only true DWG files are limited to the section from Route 143 to Graves Chevrolet complex and from McFadden's to the Brassworks (area encompassing the Gabion /rip-rap river bank treatment). The rest of the mapping is derived from metes and bounds and property tax maps. Ironically, this is the last highway project done by DOT that relied on non digital Mass GIS Grid Coordinates. Alas, prospects are not good.
2. The Plans and Records protocol takes about one month to process any request for DWG or AutoCAD files due to Homeland Security restrictions and filters as well as archival retrieval and approval processes normally associated with such requests. I see no value in obtaining the isolated segments of digital files for our general planning purposes.
3. Mark indicated and confirmed that this upcoming Route 9 project is truly a maintenance project aimed at preserving the integrity of the wearing surface and is limited to re-paving to that end.

We did speak about the technical challenges for dealing with the narrow curve between McFadden's and the Brassworks with regard to alterations to accommodate safe pedestrian movement. I will discuss this at our next meeting.

In summary, the long term strategy that we are exploring is well beyond the scope of any immediate MassDOT initiatives planned for the near future. Having said that, I will explore the bridge concept at the old abutments past McFadden's to gain access to the old meadow with the aim of reconnecting to the Brassworks via a second bridge being explored by the Charter School.

Lastly, do you have smaller scale Orthophoto maps of the corridor as discussed at the last meeting?

Nick

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From: Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder

Date: September 8, 2012 9:37:47 AM EDT

To: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Fwd: MRGC 11/2/12 meeting follow up
Date: December 18, 2012 3:40:33 PM EST
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>

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From: <jhoog@comcast.net>

Date: Wed, Dec 5, 2012 at 10:21 PM

Subject: Re: MRGC 11/2/12 meeting follow up

To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Cc: Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>

Gaby (and Reid),

Regarding trails in our target area: there are no trails that would link directly to the greenway at this time. The Trails Committee has two in the area that could be shown on the map as part of our "inventory":

1. Petticoat Hill (Trustees of Reservations), behind the Dunphy School on Petticoat Hill Rd.
2. Hall Conservation area and O'Neil Hill. These are the trails that I mentioned we might be able to link to in the future. We now have an unofficial, unmapped and unpublished link that we are putting in use. It travels over private property and our agreement with the landowner is not to publish this trail until she is satisfied and comfortable with how it is being used. No timetable is in place for that approval.

Maps of both of these trail systems can be viewed at our website: Williamsburg Woodland Trails.org. We do not currently have these in digital form that I can provide.

There is a snowmobile trail that crosses Rt 9 in Skinnerville at the Village Green. It crosses the river over the Skinnerville bridge and heads south. Behind the Village Green it heads north to Shingle Hill. The trail is maintained by the Burgy Bullets snowmobile club as part of their trail system. The trails are only open to club members with passes and no maps are made available to the public.

I am not aware of any other established trails in our target area.

Thanks
John

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From: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Subject: extracts from the Open Space Plan
Date: December 11, 2012 5:34:11 PM EST
To: "bearpaw01@comcast.net" <bearpaw01@comcast.net>
Reply-To: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>

Hi Eric

Attached is the 4-page (not 5!!!) list of extracts from the Open Space and Recreational Plan. Please pass on to the other members.

Mary

From: "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org>
Subject: FW: Volunteer

Date: September 12, 2012 10:32:07 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Eric –

Here is a possible new person. I haven't heard from the other three you mentioned.

Eleanor

From: Charles Dudek [mailto:cjdudek313@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:18 PM

To: selectmen@burgy.org

Subject: Volunteer

I would like to volunteer my time and services to the Town as a member of the Mil River Greenway Committee. I understand there is a vacancy on the committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Charles J. Dudek
12 Old Goshen Road
Williamsburg

[413-268-7940](tel:413-268-7940)

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Fwd: [whmrg] Greenway Committee August minutes

Date: August 28, 2012 11:37:40 AM EDT

To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Hi Gaby,

That was the pre-committee list. There isn't a list serve for the committee -- I've forwarded this to the email addresses I have for everyone on the list.

FYI, everyone:

Jim Ayers has been appointed to the committee by the Select Board. They also expanded the size of the committee to 13 seats.

Neither Rose Bookbinder nor Larry West have requested membership yet. (Does anyone have contact info for Larry?)

Thanks,
Eric

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: August 28, 2012 10:24:54 AM EDT
To: W-H Mill River Greenway Committee <whmrg@googlegroups.com>
Subject: [whmrg] Greenway Committee August minutes
Reply-To: whmrg@googlegroups.com

Hello Greenway Folks,
Attached please find the draft minutes from our August 13 meeting. The final draft will include letter to town committees and two maps referenced in minutes.

your comments/corrections are most welcome.

Eric, can you please confirm that this listserve broadcasts to the current committee members?

thanks,
gaby

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Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Rob & Judy Stinson" <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Thanks, Gaby.

Technically, the Rte 9 project should be described NOT as a "reconstruction" but as a "resurfacing". There will **possibly** be some opportunities for shoulder widening - it has not advanced that far yet - but this will NOT in any way be a re-design, which would entail a huge amount of permitting & delay it for several years. The terminological distinction is important to maintain.

Marvin

On Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 12:57 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hey Folks,
Attached is the "to do" list we generated at the MRGC meeting last Monday. Please review and provide any changes to me or John prior to his including them in the full minutes of the meeting.

thanks,
gaby

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Best regards,

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Subject: Williamsburg-Haydenville Mill River Greenway Committee
Date: September 3, 2012 9:23:03 PM EDT
To: coa@burgy.org, burgyhighway@verizon.net, lhasbrouck@northamptonma.gov,
meekins@cwmar.org, Lwanner@cwmar.org, wicklandd@williamsburgpd.org,
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Cc: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>, townclerk@burgy.org

Hello,

As you may have heard, on June 14, 2012, the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen voted to create the Mill River Greenway Committee. This committee was created in response to citizen interest in creating a town greenway connecting the village centers of Haydenville and Williamsburg, roughly following the Mill River.

I have included our full mission statement below, but our primary focus at this time is to conduct a study of the basic feasibility of this idea, to be presented to the Select Board by June 2013.

We are reaching out to your departments because we expect that this project may impact your areas of responsibility and because we will very likely want your input and assistance for the feasibility study, and/or for later phases if this project does turn out to be feasible.

Please note that our next meeting is on September 10th at 7pm, in the Community Room at the Meekins Library. We will be hosting a number of short presentations by people who have done work and/or have resources that may be relevant to the potential Greenway.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the email/phone# below. Or you can contact the committee via the Williamsburg Town Hall.

Sincerely,
Eric Bloomquist
Chair, Mill River Greenway Committee
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Mill River Greenway Mission Statement

The Mill River Greenway Committee exists to coordinate efforts in Williamsburg and Haydenville regarding the creation of a multipurpose greenway following the course of the Mill River. The Williamsburg-Haydenville Mill River Greenway will link the village centers and provide public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.

The Committee will do this by:

- Focusing and encouraging local enthusiasm, input, and participation in the project
- Respectfully working with local property owners
- Encouraging, gathering, and further developing design concepts into a proposed Williamsburg-Haydenville Mill River Greenway Plan
- Teaming up with related town committees and organizations, including but not limited to:
 - Conservation Commission
 - Historical Society and Historical Commission
 - Open Space Committee
 - Recreation Commission
 - Woodland Trails Committee
- Identifying and tapping into private and public resources, on local, regional, state, and federal levels, including but not limited to:
 - local volunteers
 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
 - student and professional resources from local colleges
 - Mill River Greenway Initiative
 - other towns along the Mill River
 - private and public grants and other funding sources

From: jhoog@comcast.net

Subject: 10/23 meeting minutes

Date: November 1, 2012 6:36:01 PM EDT

To: jamesrayres@gmail.com, nealbastek@gmail.com, bearpaw01@earthlink.net, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, seannyg@gmail.com, gimmerma@smith.edu, todd_lynch@comcast.net, marvin.j.ward@gmail.com

Cc: Rob Stinson <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Having received no corrections, the draft minutes that I previously sent via email will stand as the final form, including Gaby's addendum, to be approved at our Monday meeting. Thanks.

John

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
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Date: August 3, 2012 7:43:35 AM EDT
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From: Eric Weber <ewweber@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee
Date: October 11, 2012 9:15:10 PM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Cc: John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, John Sinton <jwsinton@comcast.net>, Reid Bertone-Johnson <rbertone@smith.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>

Hi, Gaby. I'm sorry to have taken so long to respond to your request. I can make myself available for a couple of hours around lunchtime on any of the four dates you mention, or on more than one of them. Just pick one and let me know which it is, where to show up, and what time you want me -- and where to park without getting a ticket!

Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 10:59 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Dear Eric,

I'm writing to follow up on your kind offer to contribute your knowledge of Williamsburg town history to our Feasibility Study for a Williamsburg-Haydenville connector along the Mill River.

Reid Bertone-Johnson, Smith College Landscape Studies faculty, is supervising six students this semester who will be compiling property data along with ecological, historical, and cultural features into GIS-based maps supporting the Mill River Greenway Committee's work. I'm writing to invite you to join Reid and his students at Smith's Center for the Environment sometime this fall so we can endeavor to capture at least some of your knowledge relating to the target area (essentially the river's path between High Street, Haydenville and Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg).

Please let me know if you are able to schedule a lunchtime meeting for any of the following dates:

Monday 10/15

Tuesday 10/23

Friday 11/2

Thursday 11/8

Pending your availability, I will also extend this invitation to members of the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee.

many thanks!
gaby

On Thu, Sep 13, 2012 at 1:09 PM, <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Gaby,

I'm forwarding to you my communication with Eric Weber from the Historical Commission. I'll leave it to you to share this with Reid. Eric can also be contacted at 268-3160. Eric's knowledge of town history and properties is encyclopedic, and he is an enthusiastic and clear communicator. He is one of the founding members of the Hilltown Land Trust, former adjunct faculty at the Conway School of Landscape Design, former chair of the Planning Board in Williamsburg, and....well, you get the idea. I think you'll find him a pleasure to work with.

John

From: "Eric Weber" <ewweber@comcast.net>
To: jhoog@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:26:13 AM
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee

Yes to both. I'll be happy to help in any way I can.

Eric

On Sep 13, 2012, at 8:11 AM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

Hi Eric,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the autumnal weather.

The Greenway Committee is interested in having you attend one of our upcoming meetings to talk about historical sites along the river that could be incorporated into the design of a greenway. Our October meeting has a pretty full agenda already, so it would more likely be in November or December. Would you be willing and interested in doing this? I am aware that Ralmon is also quite knowledgeable on this subject, and interested in the Greenway project, but we decided to reach out to you based on our knowledge of your extensive research on the history of the flood and aftermath. We would be happy to have both of you or have you defer to Ralmon if that would be your preference.

Also, a few months ago you expressed willingness to consult with Reid Bertone-Johnson, a Smith professor, and some of his students who are working on mapping the Mill River corridor

through Williamsburg for the benefit of the Greenway Committee. With the approaching close of the academic year time ran out on that project last spring, but they have resumed work now that the students have returned. They have asked if you would still be willing to spend some time with them. If so, I will pass your name and contact info on to them, and you would hear from either Reid (who, by the way is also a colleague of Paul Wetzels in his position at Smith) or Gaby Immerman, who lives in Haydenville, is on the Greenway Committee, and works at the Smith Botanical Gardens. She is our liason to Reid.

Thanks for your interest in this project. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

John

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From: jhoog@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip
Date: July 28, 2012 8:58:08 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Eric,

I have made tentative arrangements for someone to cover my grandchild-care responsibilities for that day, so I am available anytime and you can arrange the trip at a time that works for Gaby.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
To: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, jhoog@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 12:51:24 PM
Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip

Hi you two,

So it's looking like our best bet for this trip is Friday, Jan 21st ...
except that you're both iffy for that day and while Friday afternoon would work better for John, Friday morning would work better for Gaby.

I'd very much prefer you both be there. Can we do that somehow?

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 27, 2012, at 9:55 AM, Gaby Immerman
<gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Friday 21st morning would be preferable for me. Thanks Eric.

I may be able to get a Smith 12-passenger van for this, keep in touch with me about when you've scheduled and I'll inquire.

gaby

On Thu, Jul 26, 2012 at 8:23 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

> Hi all,

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> I've been in touch with Rachel Fletcher, of the Great Barrington RiverWalk. She's been involved in the RiverWalk since its beginnings in 1988, and has graciously offered to meet with us if we go there for a visit.

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> She is best available on some Fridays and Saturdays in September: 14, 15, 21, or 22. I have set up a Doodle poll to judge everyone's availability at:

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> <http://doodle.com/3rstdbimkk3verre>

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> I understand that most of us can probably more easily make it on one of the Saturdays, but note that if we can go on one of the Fridays, we may also get to speak with two people in addition to Rachel. Will Conklin is very knowledgeable about their site management and organizing young people to help maintain the RiverWalk. And Heather Cupo is their horticulturalist.

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> Please take the poll so I can let Rachel know when we'll be there.

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> Eric

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> P.S. This field trip is primarily meant as a site visit for committee members, but as far as I'm concerned, family members and people from related committees are welcome as well, as long as we don't overwhelm our hosts.

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From: Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group

Date: October 10, 2012 5:54:27 PM EDT

To: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Cc: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

I have another commitment then. Would it be possible to call in? I could probably sneak away from my other commitment for 20 or 30 minutes for a phone conversation.

Jim

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 8, 2012, at 10:11 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

I'll be there.
John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
To: "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2012 8:58:29 PM
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - Communication Working Group

Hi,

Okay, let's do this Thursday evening at 7pm at the Town Offices.
Jim, can you make that?

Agenda:

- General messaging points
- Short article for town newsletter
(technically, the deadline for submission is 10/11, but Charlene said she can be flexible)

I'll let Brenda know.

thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 8:09 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:

> Either one works fine for me.
> John
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> From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
> To: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
> Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2012 12:22:18 PM
> Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging
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> Hi,
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> I've been remiss in following through with this. Are you two
available next Tuesday or Thursday evening?
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> Thanks,
> Eric
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> On Sep 14, 2012, at 7:57 PM, jhoog@comcast.net wrote:
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> I'm available most evenings.
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> John
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> From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
> To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
> Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>
> Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:49:23 AM
> Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging
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> Hi,
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> When are best times to meet for you two? My Wednesday evenings are taken, but I'm usually available other weekday evenings.
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> Thanks,
> Eric
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> On Sep 3, 2012, at 11:21 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:
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> > Hi,
> >
> > Here's a quick suggestion for something to propose to the Committee as basic points about the current state of our work:
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> > - The basic idea is to create a multipurpose greenway roughly following the path of the Mill River, linking the village centers and providing public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.
> > - Our first goal is to find out whether the idea is possible, and to report on the feasibility to the the Select Board by June of 2013.
> > - We plan on respectfully working with local property owners.
> > - We will be looking into varied sources of funding, public and private.
> > - We will be working with related town committees and local organizations.
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> > It's basically a distilled version of our mission statement.
> >
> > What do you think?
> >
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> > Eric

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: Re: Oct 15th Greenway Committee meeting
Date: October 10, 2012 10:32:59 AM EDT
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

glad this worked out, Eric. Just a reminder to see if Dani McKahn is able to attend. I think it would help in terms of planning out our applications for tech assistance grants from her, when other funding apps need to be on our schedule, etc.

gaby

On Wed, Oct 10, 2012 at 9:30 AM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:
Hi everybody,

Thanks for the responses. Based on them, I'm moving our next meeting to October 23rd. (Sorry Marvin!). I've let Brenda know about the change.

Thanks,
Eric

On Oct 4, 2012, at 12:41 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

Unfortunately, I have to be out of town for most of the week of October 15. I don't want to simply cancel, because we have a lot to do by June and I want to keep us going. So I'd like to either reschedule for sometime the following week, or let you all go ahead and meet on the 15th without me. (Gaby has agreed to be Acting Chair if we stick with the 15th.)

I'd hate to miss this meeting, but I also know that it might not be possible to coordinate a reschedule for the following week. So please go to the following link and let us know your availability.

<http://doodle.com/ztqufsm6btrx2rdm>

Remember, this will be the meeting when we'll lay out the different pieces of "feasibility" and try to set up some timeframes. We've also got Charlene visiting to give a brief presentation and Q&A on the Open Meeting Law.

Thanks,
Eric

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Subject: Greenway committee meeting reminder

Date: September 5, 2012 11:14:59 AM EDT

To: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Marvin Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>

Hi all,

Remember that we're meeting on this coming [Monday at 7pm](#), at the Community Room in Meekins Library. (*Not* the Town Offices.)

On the agenda:

- informational presentations
- Open Meeting Law
- communications
- mapping
- Great Barrington trip

- membership

I anticipate that the presentations will take up most of the meeting. The other items will mostly be touching base.

Thanks,
Eric

From: jhoog@comcast.net

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

Date: September 14, 2012 7:57:35 PM EDT

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

I'm available most evenings.

John

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

Cc: jhoog@comcast.net, "jim ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:49:23 AM

Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee messaging

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> It's basically a distilled version of our mission statement.

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> thanks,

> Eric

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From: eab@me.com

Subject: Re: partial MRGC minutes 11/5/12

Date: November 26, 2012 10:58:31 PM EST

To: jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>

Hi Jim,

Sorry about my delay in responding to this.

If Mark Moore could join us for our Dec 10th meeting, that would be great. If he can't make the 10th, please find out what evenings (if any) would be best for him, and we can see about a special meeting.

thanks,

Eric

413-588-4293

On Nov 13, 2012, at 3:14 PM, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi All,

I wanted to let you know that I have been in touch with Paul Dunphy about the DOT resurfacing work and how this relates to the work of the Mill River Greenway committee. As I think you know Paul is a Town Selectman as well as being the district aid for State Rep. Kulik.

Initially, Paul thought that no work was scheduled for several years; however, subsequent conversations with DOT confirmed that resurfacing and line painting is in fact scheduled within the next twelve months, as we discussed at the meeting.

Paul and Steve Kulik have requested that Mark Moore, at MassHighway district 1, meet with our committee as soon as possible to discuss the alignment of efforts, probably through attendance at one of our already scheduled meetings.

Eric, can you give me a call to discuss next steps and whether you would like to see this happen at one of our standing meetings or at a specially scheduled one?
w-413-584-3962 or h-413-268-2012.

Thanks,

Jim

On Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 10:14 AM, Marvin J. Ward <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks, Gaby.

Technically, the Rte 9 project should be described NOT as a "reconstruction" but as a "resurfacing". There will possibly be some opportunities for shoulder widening - it has not advanced that far yet - but this will NOT in any way be a re-design, which would entail a huge amount of permitting & delay it for several years. The terminological distinction is important to maintain.

Marvin

On Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 12:57 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hey Folks,
Attached is the "to do" list we generated at the MRGC meeting last Monday. Please review and provide any changes to me or John prior to his including them in the full minutes of the meeting.

thanks,
gaby

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Best regards,
Marvin J. Ward, Ph.D.
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Williamsburg, MA 01096-9734
413-268-7998

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Subject: August Mill River Greenway Committee minutes
Date: September 2, 2012 7:58:22 AM EDT
To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman
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From: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Contact in Great Barrington
Date: December 3, 2012 12:45:20 PM EST
To: 'Eric Bloomquist' <eab@me.com>

Hi Eric –

Do you have the digital files for the current Open space plan Maps – that PVPC Developed?

- a. Municipal Zoning Districts
- b. Soil Limitations to Development
- c. Natural Environment
- d. Recreation, Protected, and Chapter Lands
- e. Water Supplies, Flood Plain and Slopes
- f. Seven Year Action Plan

Thanks Eric!

Todd

From: Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 10:14 AM
To: Todd Lynch
Cc: Gaby Immerman; Jim Ayres; John Hoogstraten; Marvin J. Ward; Mary Dudek; Neal Bastek; Nick Dines; Sean Gaffney; Rob & Judy Stinson
Subject: Re: Contact in Great Barrington

Hi Todd,

Rachel Fletcher at rfletch@bcn.net

Eric

On Nov 28, 2012, at 10:01 AM, "Todd Lynch "
<todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi All –

Could someone pass along the information for the woman we met with in Great Barrington? I have some questions for her about some of the legal constraints she encountered for their project.

Thanks!

Todd

From: "Todd Lynch " <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: REMINDER! Re: first Mill River Greenway Committee meeting
Date: July 17, 2012 1:30:46 PM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: <jhoog@comcast.net>, <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "'Nick Dines'" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "'Gaby Immerman'" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "'Marvin J. Ward'" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

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From: "Rachel Fletcher" <rfetch@bcn.net>
Subject: Great Barrington RiverWalk visit tomorrow
Date: September 20, 2012 10:17:58 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>
Cc: "'William Conklin'" <wconklin7@gmail.com>

Hello Eric,

Just touching base to make sure we're still on for tomorrow (Friday) to meet with about 20 in your group about the River Walk.

We will meet at 10am at the Mason Library in Great Barrington on 231 Main Street (zip: 01230).

I have a PowerPoint Presentation, but only my small laptop to show it on.

The weather is looking very good to spend most of our time on the walk, and even have a picnic lunch there if you like (bring blankets to sit on the ground).

I'll have several copies of our printed literature (guides, brochures, etc) with me.

Please let me know if you would like me to bring legal documents such as conservation easements.

Looking forward to meeting you tomorrow.

My phone number is 413-528-3391. I will be at this number until 9:45.

After that try my cell phone at 413-281-9139

Please confirm, if you get a chance,

Best

Rachel

Rachel Fletcher
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413-528-3391
river@gbriverwalk.org
www.gbriverwalk.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Fletcher [mailto:rfetch@bcn.net]

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:41 AM

To: 'bearpaw01@earthlink.net'

Cc: 'William Conklin'

Subject: RE: RiverWalk visit

Hi Eric,

Sounds like a good plan.

Let's touch base with details as we get closer, But meanwhile here are some documents you might find useful.

One folder contains sample easements and covenants.

The other documents a riverbank stabilization permitting process that was especially rigorous.

Riverbank erosion and stabilization issues might be potential "show-stoppers" for you.

Click to download:

<https://www.yousendit.com/download/TEhXL0dQcGtiR0t4djhUQw>

If you have specific site situations of note, let me know.

Otherwise, we can talk about the usual on-going challenges. Nothing is insurmountable.

See you soon,
Rachel

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-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 11:08 PM

To: Rachel Fletcher

Cc: William Conklin

Subject: Re: RiverWalk visit

Hi Rachel,

Let's meet first at your library at 10am, then have a little picnic lunch.

It looks like most of us will probably need to leave at 1:30, but I think a few of us may stick around longer.

Yes, I imagine we'd like to see your PP presentation. It wouldn't hurt to have some easements to look at and whatever other documents you think important.

Given we are in the beginning of the general feasibility study phase of our

Greenway, I think our main focus at this point is looking for potential show-stoppers and ways around them. So, we're hoping to get your perspective on the big hurdles, complications, challenges, etc, in setting up the RiverWalk, and how did you deal with them? And what are the on-going challenges?

thanks,
Eric

On Aug 6, 2012, at 3:08 PM, Rachel Fletcher <rfletch@bcn.net> wrote:

Hello Eric,
I have secured a room sufficient to seat 25 people at our public library which is only steps away from the River Walk.
The room is reserved from 10 am to noon, but the time could be changed.
I can arrange for coffee and donuts, if you like.
We can meet at the library, then tour the River Walk.
I can't think of anywhere in Great Barrington that can serve so many people for lunch.
Perhaps you could bring a picnic lunch (or we could order sandwiches locally), and if the weather is nice we could eat in the little park entrance to the trail.
How does that sound?
(Or, as I think about it, we could take the tour of River Walk first, then take our sandwiches in the library after, if I move the time.
They don't encourage catering, so it would have to be a low key bag lunch affair.) They do not have PowerPoint facilities, although they do have a screen. But I can bring my small laptop and show you our PowerPoint presentation that way if you like (or not show it at all).

So let me know what works best for you.
And what kind of documents (such as easements) you're interested in seeing.

Best
Rachel

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-----Original Message-----

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:40 PM

To: river@gbriverwalk.org

Subject: RiverWalk visit

Hi,

I'm part of a group of people in Williamsburg (MA) who are looking into the possibility of setting up a Greenway along the Mill River, which flows through our town.

I'm looking to organize a field trip by some of us to your RiverWalk in Great Barrington. Might it be possible for us to meet up with one or two people there who could talk to us about how the RiverWalk came about, what's involved in maintaining it, and so on?

Thanks very much,
Eric Bloomquist
Williamsburg, MA

From: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>

Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee meeting reminder

Date: September 5, 2012 12:39:10 AM EDT

To: "Greenway Committee,

Hi all,

Remember that we're meeting on this coming Monday at 7pm, at the Community Room in Meekins Library. (*Not* the Town Offices.)

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Eric

From: Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>
Subject: Re: Greenway committee meeting reminder
Date: September 8, 2012 12:33:08 PM EDT
To: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Cc: bearpaw01@earthlink.net, jim ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, sean gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>

Marvin;

Thanks for the info. I have used the Dell before without a problem. It would be fine if we can use the existing equipment. Can you access the remote for lowering the new screen?

I will see you a bit after 6:30 on Monday.

Nick

On 9/8/12 12:26 PM, Marvin J. Ward wrote:

The library has a Dell laptop computer and a projector, so anyone who uses Apple equipment & brings her/his own computer will need to provide the appropriate interface for the projector. Having the presentation on a flash/thumb drive should work fine.

We have the room from 6:30 to 9:30 to allow for set-up & take down. I have the key, & will be there by 6:30.

I also have a hard copy of the Open Meeting law & the Guide prepared by Att'y Gen. Martha Coakley's office, & believe that Charlene was given an incorrect answer to her question, in part b/c Charlene misunderstood the nature & purpose of the 'sub-committees', that is, in fact, the result of our misunderstanding of that term. It also

contains specific guidelines concerning minutes and what needs & does not need to be attached to them.

Marvin

On Sat, Sep 8, 2012 at 8:34 AM, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu> wrote:
Eric;

I will be presenting a PowerPoint summary of the ASLA work session and will need a projector and computer, if available. Do we have access to a projector and computer. I have the talk on a USB memory stick. I can bring a laptop if needed, but I do not have a projector.

Let me know before Monday.

Thanks.
Nick

On 9/5/12 11:16 AM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

P.S. If you're the connection to one of our guest presenters, please make sure they know the meeting will be at Meekins. Thanks!

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From: bearpaw01@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Newsletter Deadline Extended!
Date: October 29, 2012 10:13:08 PM EDT
To: "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>

Hi Charlene,

Is this too late?

Thanks,
Eric

In recent years, during the Open Space Planning process and the Village Center Visioning, it became clear that there is a strong public interest in connecting the two village

centers in Williamsburg with a non-automotive pathway. In response to a request from a group of town residents, the Select Board created the Mill River Greenway Committee to explore the feasibility of the idea.

The basic idea is to create a *multipurpose* greenway roughly following the path of the Mill River, *linking the village centers* and providing public access to adjacent natural settings, historically important cultural landmarks, and local businesses.

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Part of this exploration will involve respectfully reaching out to property and business owners along the potential route.

We will be looking into varied sources of funding, public and private.

We welcome questions and comments. We meet monthly at the town offices -- check the town calendar for the meeting dates. We will also be organizing a public input meeting as part of the exploring this possibility.

On Oct 11, 2012, at 10:35 AM, "Charlene L. Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org> wrote:

Fall 2012 Newsletter:

Deadline for articles or information extended to **Wednesday, October 24th!**

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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Revised minutes and Map
Date: August 12, 2012 10:46:00 PM EDT
To: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
Cc: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

Mary,

I've got it in my calendar as the 13th, and double-checking the minutes, I see it's in there as the 13th.

I hope you can make it.

Eric

On Aug 9, 2012, at 5:03 PM, Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com> wrote:

I thought the meeting is on Tuesday the 14th???

Mary

From: Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Cc: 'Marvin J. Ward' <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>; jhoog@comcast.net;
CMDudek@yahoo.com; 'Gaby Immerman' <gimmerma@smith.edu>; 'Nick Dines' <ndines@larp.umass.edu>; NealBastek@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2012 11:06 AM
Subject: Revised minutes and Map

Hi Everyone -

Thanks for the feedback on the minutes - I have incorporated your suggestions into these completed minutes.

Also, where do we stand on a large scale map? I can print a 3'x4' one in color - exactly like the one I sent a week or so ago - but at a larger scale. If I am to do so, I'd need some lead time because it takes a day for the printers to make the map. I'd be willing to contribute the map to the effort, unless there were some funding for it. At \$6 a square foot the price would be about 75 dollars with tax.

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Subject: Re: Date poll for Great Barrington RiverWalk field trip

Hi all,

Thanks to those who have participated in the date poll so far. If you haven't yet, please do so -- I'd like to let Rachel know our preference by end of day tomorrow (Fri 7/27).

For those of you who were asking about time-of-day, I'm thinking mid-afternoon would be best, particularly if we settle on one of the Fridays. Those of you who have marked one or both Fridays as "If Need Be", please let me know if morning or afternoon on Fridays would be better.

Thanks,
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On Jul 21, 2012, at 6:05 PM, bearpaw01@earthlink.net wrote:

Hi all,

I've been in touch with Rachel Fletcher, of the Great Barrington RiverWalk. She's been involved in the RiverWalk since its beginnings in 1988, and has graciously offered to meet with us if we go there for a visit.

She is best available on some Fridays and Saturdays in September: 14, 15, 21, or 22. I have set up a Doodle poll to judge everyone's availability at:

<http://doodle.com/3rstdbimkk3verre>

I understand that most of us can probably more easily make it on one of the Saturdays, but note that if we can go on one of the Fridays, we may also get to speak with two people in addition to Rachel. Will Conklin is very knowledgeable about their site management and organizing young people to help maintain the RiverWalk. And Heather Cupo is their horticulturalist.

Please take the poll so I can let Rachel know when we'll be there.

Eric

P.S. This field trip is primarily meant as a site visit for committee members, but as far as I'm concerned, family members and people from related committees are welcome as well, as long as we don't overwhelm our hosts.

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From: "Rachel Fletcher" <rfletch@bcn.net>
Subject: RE: belated RiverWalk follow-up 2 of 3
Date: October 4, 2012 12:51:23 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

And here are the other parts of our ISTE A application for the 3 mile project that never happened. It gives you a good idea of what your initial planning needs to cover for a project of your scale and scope.

Rachel

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 2:35 PM
To: Rachel Fletcher
Subject: belated RiverWalk follow-up

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Eric

From: "Todd Lynch " <todd_lynch@comcast.net>
Subject: Contact in Great Barrington
Date: November 28, 2012 10:01:08 AM EST
To: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "Eric Bloomquist" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, "Jim Ayres" <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, "John Hoogstraten" <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, "Mary Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Neal Bastek" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Sean Gaffney" <seannyg@gmail.com>, "Rob & Judy Stinson" <rjstinson@comcast.net>

Hi All –

Could someone pass along the information for the woman we met with in Great Barrington? I have some questions for her about some of the legal constraints she encountered for their project.

Thanks!

Todd

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: belated RiverWalk follow-up
Date: October 3, 2012 2:34:46 PM EDT
To: Rachel Fletcher <rfletch@bcn.net>

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Subject: map working group minutes

Date: October 2, 2012 2:46:26 PM EDT

To: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@comcast.net>, Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <Jhoog@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

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From: "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org>
Subject: RE: Volunteer
Date: September 12, 2012 11:52:51 AM EDT
To: <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Eric –

I think there was concern about the heavy Williamsburg (as opposed to Haydenville) representation; also male as opposed to female. It sounds as if you are recommending the ones you mention. Wasn't there also another woman possibility?

Eleanor

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:28 AM
To: Selectmen
Subject: Re: Volunteer

Hi Eleanor,

Yes, Charles was at our most recent meeting and expressed interest. I'm glad he contacted you.

Rose Bookbinder has decided not to join the committee at this time, and I haven't heard anything from Markell Smith. I spoke to Larry West at

our meeting and reminded him that he needed to contact the Select Board to request appointment to the committee; he said he would.

Thanks,
Eric

On Sep 12, 2012, at 10:32 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –
Here is a possible new person. I haven't heard from the other three you mentioned.
Eleanor

From: Charles Dudek [<mailto:cjdudek313@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:18 PM
To: selectmen@burgy.org
Subject: Volunteer

I would like to volunteer my time and services to the Town as a member of the Mil River Greenway Committee. I understand there is a vacancy on the committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Charles J. Dudek
12 Old Goshen Road
Williamsburg

[413-268-7940](tel:413-268-7940)

From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: first Mill River Greenway Committee meeting
Date: June 19, 2012 5:46:50 PM EDT
To: "bearpaw01@earthlink.net" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>

Cc: "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "NealBastek@gmail.com" <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>

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