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Eleanor Warnock
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen
Town of Williamsburg
413-268-8400
413-268-8409 fax

-----Original Message-----
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Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 11:07 PM
To: selectmen@burgy.org
Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee size

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Thank you for any help you can provide.

Eric Bloomquist
Chair, Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee
Hi Charlene,

See attached. Good?

Eric

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Town of Williamsburg
Mill River Greenway Committee
141 Main Street, P.O. Box 447
Haydenville, Massachusetts 01039-0447

December 16, 2013

Department of Fish and Game
Division of Ecological Restoration

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The Mill River Greenway Committee looks forward to working with the applicants on this project, particularly with an eye toward improvements designed to allow for future pedestrian access within the Mill River corridor and Route 9 public right of way.

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Only because that is the main emphasis of work on this project and the biggest cost. Do you have the ability to sign and scan it? Also, I hope you don’t mind I put it on Town Letterhead for you – unless you already have some. IT is attached.

Thanks Charlene

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Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 3:51 PM
To: Charlene Nardi
Subject: MRGC letter of support for Joe Wright Brook project

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Eric
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Thanks,
Eric
hi charles,
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gaby

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To: 'Rob & Judy Stinson'; 'Eric Bloomquist'
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To: COA email for Marie Westburg; Charlene L. Nardi; Stacey Jenkins
Subject: Set mtng: Williamsburg Healthy Hampshire expansion

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In reply to your questions below, I have responded in bold within the text of your email. I have copied this reply to Williamsburg's Town Administrator, Charlene Nardi, and WMRGC chair, Eric Bloomquist, so that this email exchange can become a part of the Committee's records and that our Selectboard can be made aware of this arrangement.

Again, see below for the Committee's response to your queries.

thank you for your support of this collaboration!
gaby

On Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 1:11 PM, John Gaustad <jgausta1@swarthmore.edu> wrote:

Dear Gaby and John,

At the 24 November meeting of the Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways, the members then present voted to offer to become a fiscal sponsor of your group in Williamsburg, so that donations to your group for Williamsburg trail projects would qualify as charitable contributions to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Details of the arrangement still need to be worked out.

First of all, what name should we use in referring to the Williamsburg group? Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee

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Third, Mary Jo will also be asking the bank whether an arrangement could be made to accept checks for deposit to this account that are made out to your organization, not FNTG. This might be possible, but we do not recommend it, as we think that if the IRS should audit a donor's tax return, it would not accept as evidence of a legitimate charitable deduction a copy of a check made out to a non-501(c)(3) organization. Do you wish us to pursue this option? No, we are comfortable with checks payable to FNTG.

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Eric

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I think Charles, you were the funding parking lot attendant? If you would please keep this article or a list of the grants mentioned in it, that would be great.

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 gaby

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hi eric,

I came across this announcement and thought this prof might be a resource to us in mapping the archeology of the Mill River. Just passing it along to you for the "archeology parking lot."

thanks, see you later this evening -

Gaby

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From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>
Date: Tue, Nov 5, 2013 at 10:12 PM
Subject: Archeological Mapping guy at B.U.
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

Techno Mob: Archeological Mapping
Saturday, November 9, 3:00pm

Professors and students of Boston University’s Department of Archaeology are spending a few days this fall semester at the Arnold Arboretum to study the remains of historic archaeological sites. The team is using a variety of surveying equipment and geophysical instruments to map remains both on and below the ground surface. Join Professor Chris Roosevelt and his students at the site of the former Bussey Mansion to learn about techniques used today to map and interpret what remains on the land. Meet on Beech Path at 3:00pm on Saturday, November 9 at Acc. 655-93*A, sugar maple (Acer saccharum).
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Congrats to Nick, for being recognized for all the work he's done for our town!

From today's Hampshire Gazette:

"The American Society of Landscape Architects recently presented the national Community Service Award to Nicholas T. Dines for sustained pro bono work on behalf of the Williamsburg Public Gardens and Mill River Greenway over the last 14 years."

Eric
Hi team,

Sorry to get these out at the last minute...it was that kind of a month. Minutes are attached for approval at Monday's meeting. Thanks.

John
Hi,

Yes, that could definitely be useful. Thanks!

Eric

On Nov 27, 2013, at 11:41 AM, Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com> wrote:

Eric,
This muni-mapper tool may be useful to have available during our mrgw meetings. See below. Charles

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: Jim Locke [mailto:glbuild@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2013 4:59 PM
To: ssre@crocker.com; Stephen Smith; 'Robert Barker'
Subject: FW: Williamsburg MuniMapper

Hi. This is the Town laid out digitally. I have not investigated it much, but it's easier than going to the Assessors’ office.

Jim Locke
Williamsburg, MA 01096

cell  413-301-3125

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From: Rob & Judy Stinson [mailto:rjstinson@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 5:34 PM
To: Jim Locke; assessors@burgy.org
Subject: Fwd: Williamsburg MuniMapper

Begin forwarded message:
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cell 413-301-3125

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Subject: Approval to pursue grant application 
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Larry

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Well done, and thanks again. To all: now that Marvin has resigned from the committee, we should all remove him from our email group contact lists.

John

From: "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>
To: "Eric Bloomquists" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, "Gaby Immerman" <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>, "Karin McGowan" <karin.mcgowan@gmail.com>, "Larry West" <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>, "Marcia Caplis" <m3caplis@gmail.com>, "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>, "Mary & Charles Dudek" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, "Nick Dines" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Rob & Judy Stinson" <rjstinsson@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2013 9:07:09 PM
Subject: MRGC -- draft letter to Selectboard re: RTP grant

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Marci,

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John

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To: "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>
Cc: gimmerma@smith.edu, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, jhoog@comcast.net, "karin mcgowan" <karin.mcgowan@gmail.com>, rjstinson@comcast.net, landlwest3315@yahoo.com, "marvin j ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2013 12:25:05 PM
Subject: T&E species

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Best -
Marciana

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Charlene,

See attached for the flyer.

I see Gaby responded re a copy of the Report for public review — please let us know if a less-fancy copy could serve as the official copy.

thanks,
Eric

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Mill River Greenway
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Hi Charlene,

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Assume you know from Eric that the PDF of the report is available on our committee's page of the town website.

thanks!~
gaby

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From: "Charlene Nardi" <townadmin@burgy.org>
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Eric - prospective committee member. I know Joe well. He is a river biologist, and is also on the Conservation Commission.

Also, I noticed that the meeting was not listed in the Gazette this morning. Was it posted properly? If not, we'll have to do our "talk, but no official action" routine.

John

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From: "Joe Rogers" <geojoerogers@yahoo.com>
To: jhoog@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2013 9:41:21 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Reminder: Greenway meeting Monday 11/4 7pm-9pm

Hi John,

Thanks for the reminder. Yes, I am interested in sitting in on the meeting. I won't be able to make it until 8pm though. I hope that won't be disruptive.

See you tonight.

Joe

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On Friday, November 1, 2013 8:01 PM, "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Joe,

In case you are still interested in checking out the greenway committee. Hope to see you there. (Let me know if you're coming, and I'll give Eric a heads-up). Thanks

Hope all is well with you,

John

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Sent: Friday, November 1, 2013 3:27:22 PM
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Subject: Re: Reminder: Greenway meeting Monday 11/4 7pm-9pm
Date: November 1, 2013 at 3:50 PM
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com
Cc: Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu
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John
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so.... can anyone bring a laptop to the meeting on Monday to record notes as we go
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On Fri, Oct 25, 2013 at 11:56 AM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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gaby

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Eric

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I am away on maternity leave and will return on January 6th!

If you need to speak with someone, please call Catherine Ratte or David Elvin at 413.781.6045
Hi Chris,

I don't know how PVPC tracks these things, but I'm not sure whether we've actually taken advantage of PVPC's help to that extent. Dani gave us advice in early 2012 -- before our committee existed -- spoke at one of our committee meetings about a year ago, and put together a list of possible ways PVPC could help us. But I'm not sure we've gotten official "technical assistance" as such.

The PVPC certainly has provided excellent technical assistance to Williamsburg in related matters in the last few years, with our Open Space Plan update and a Village Center Visioning process. Both of those things certainly fed into the formation of the Mill River Greenway Committee, but it seems like a separate project to me.

In any case, I certainly understand that PVPC has limited resources, but I hope we can get some clarification on whether our Greenway project might qualify for some of those resources, now or in the future.

Best regards,

Eric Bloomquist
Chair, Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee
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If you'd like to email or call me with any specific questions, we'll do our best to get you a prompt response with the help of appropriate staff.

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Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 1:40:46 PM
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All I can say is that one day when I turned on my computer (earlier this week, I think) a pop-up msg announced that 2 files had been deleted from my Dropbox, so I know it wasn’t I, either deliberately or inadvertently that did that...

Marvin

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On Thu, Oct 17, 2013 at 12:18 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

Hey Folks,

I had a great meeting with Reid B-J at Smith this morning about maps and data gathering in service of our committee. We are so lucky to have Reid, his expertise, his students, and the resources of CEEDS backing up our work!!

During our meeting, we were unable to locate the "IMPACTED PARCELS SPREADSHEET FALL 2013" document in the DropBox. This means someone has deleted it from our shared folder. If you have been using this spreadsheet, can you please see if you have a saved copy on your own hard drive?

Since we created that spreadsheet last year, MASS GIS has made available a complete new set of parcel boundaries and data that are a great improvement on what we used to have (the new data looks a lot more like the accurate maps that Reid's students generated for us last year!).

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A few notes to keep everyone up to date on MRGC progress:

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B. The trail from that point to the town line, that we hope to do just basic drainage work and all design work with CPA funds is about another 1,500 feet.
C. The trail from South Main Street to the town line is about 620 feet."

2) I will be meeting with Paul Jahnege of DCR next week to discuss Williamsburg applying to the National Rec Trails grant program. I am working with Wayne Feiden on this. Question is whether to focus this app on just the River Road piece (in Williamsburg) or broaden the scope to include design work for library-to-library.

3) John Sinton (MRGI) and I are meeting with Nick Horton and others from Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways to discuss what their role can/should be as relates to Williamsburg going forward. That meeting will take place at Smith CEEDS on Tues 10/29 at 9am. It is not a meeting of the Williamsburg MRGC per se (officially it is MRGI and FNTG) so doesn't need to have public notice, but if any of you would like to attend you are welcome.

Onward!
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Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2013 3:09 PM
Subject: Mill River Greenway Report

The Williamsburg Mill Greenway Committee is pleased to present our recently-completed report on the basic feasibility of establishing a Greenway along the Mill River between Haydenville and Williamsburg village centers.

The report provides a thoughtful evaluation of the many things to consider in creating a Greenway, including the technical, environmental, financial, historical, commercial, and social aspects of such a project. It includes maps, concept sketches, community feedback, and next steps for further action, including working with landowners to identify possible routes.

It will take the participation of many citizens, organizations, the town government, and state/federal granting agencies to make the dream of a Mill River Greenway come to life. We are thrilled to be part of the effort.

The report is available at: 

Physical copies of this report are also available at the Williamsburg Town Offices and at the Meekins Library.

Eric Bloomquist
eab@me.com or 413-268-2091
Chair, Mill River Greenway Committee
Town of Williamsburg
Hi Gaby,

Thanks for the email. I am more than happy to meet for coffee and discuss the RTP grants and potential MRG application and offer any guidance that I can.

I suggest taking a good look at the RTP guidelines first at

This week I am available Friday, Next week Mon or Tues.

Bread Euphoria, Woodstar or any other place you like or suggest.

Paul

Paul Jahnige
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To: Charles / Mary Dudek <cmdudek@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Re: homework assignments for MRGC

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From: Rob & Judy Stinson rjstinson@comcast.net
Subject: Re: E Bloomquist wants to share "Shared MRGC Documents" with you
Date: October 15, 2013 at 5:13 PM
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net

thanks
Rob

On Oct 13, 2013, at 7:08 PM, E via Dropbox <no-reply@dropbox.com> wrote:

E invited you to a Dropbox shared folder called "Shared MRGC Documents" and left you this message:

"Hi Rob,

I noticed that you weren't on the list of people this is shared with. Let me know if it works for you.

thanks,
Eric
eab@me.com"

View folder
Hi Eleanor,

Great, thanks for letting me know.

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And would it be easy enough for a long-time techie like myself to figure out how to use it without help, or shall I drop by so you can give me the intro?

Thanks,
Eric

On Jul 18, 2012, at 6:28 PM, Town Clerk <townclerk@burgy.org> wrote:

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Congratulations! Yes, you can keep the key. I have posted your meetings on the website. Yes to the minutes and agendas by electronic form to me if possible. Also you will need to keep the original copy in a folder or notebook. A copy of the minutes needs to go into a binder in the mail room also. I am not sure who is doing your minutes. I can show you and Neal how to get on the website also. I need to send you the link to get First Class Client through Virtual Town Hall which you will need on your computer. I will send the forwarded email when I find it.

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Chair, Mill River Greenway Committee

Town of Williamsburg
Eric,

Thanks for forwarding this. I will likely be writing about this next week and would love to chat with you further. Is there a good time to reach you? I am at 588-7335

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Attached are the minutes from our latest meeting. Thanks.

John
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Re congressional offices, may want to consider Rep. Jim McGovern's office since Northampton is in his district (and he has an office there), and we're working closely with the city.

What would be the message to the U.S. Senators? Is there something the committee wants from them?

I think it's very worthwhile to contact the delegation, but suggest that it's premature to speak to them yet. When there's a definitive route decided, or when the committee submits a grant, or even when the Northampton grant is awarded seem to me to be better times to contact them. (As part of my job I was the congressional liaison for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 13-state Northeast Region, so have some experience with outreach to congressional offices and will be happy to help as I can.)

Best -
Marci

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Charles

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

From: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>; To: Mary & Charles Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>; Cc: Eric Bloomquist <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>; Subject: Marci? Sent: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 3:03:59 PM

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Thanks for checking in,
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Press Release

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Mary

----- Forwarded Message -----
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Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2013 5:04 PM
Subject: Re: forum sign up list

What's your address?
Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

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that's great, we'll be meeting tonight at 7pm so if you could leave them somewhere we can access them that would be terrific. thanks! gaby

On Wed, Sep 18, 2013 at 9:23 AM, Charlene Nardi <townadmin@burgy.org> wrote:

I have four copies, one of which I would like to keep – so I can give you three back

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Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 10:06 PM
To: Charlene L. Nardi
Subject: MRGC report?

Hi Charlene,

When the Mill River Greenway Committee presented its report to the Selectboard at the end of June, we brought 10 printed/bound copies with us to the meeting. Do you know if some of those are still lingering around the Town Offices? Of course we want them to be in the hands of whoever can make use of them, so if there are spares, the Committee would gladly distribute them to folks at PVPC etc.

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From: Larry West  landlwest3315@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Committee - September 18 meeting
Date: September 17, 2013 at 9:38 PM
To: Eric Bloomquist  eab@me.com

Thanks, Eric. I have choir rehearsal at 6:30, so I may be a little late.

From: Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com>
To: "gimmerma@smith.edu" <gimmerma@smith.edu>; "ndines@larp.umass.edu" <ndines@larp.umass.edu>; "CMDudek@yahoo.com" <CMDudek@yahoo.com>; "jhoog@comcast.net" <jhoog@comcast.net>; "karin.mcgowan@gmail.com" <karin.mcgowan@gmail.com>; "rjstinson@comcast.net" <rjstinson@comcast.net>; "landlwest3315@yahoo.com" <landlwest3315@yahoo.com>; "marvin.j.ward@gmail.com" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
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Hi John,

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Three workshops will be held to inform and update the public on the Recreational Trails Program, the application process and discuss any questions potential grant applicants may have. Workshop times and locations are listed below. Please be in touch with Amanda if you are interested in attending a workshop and indicate which one works best for you.

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Thank you,
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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: MRGC date?
Date: August 18, 2013 at 10:25 PM
To: Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu

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Subject: Doodle: "Mill River Greenway September committee meeting" Update  
Date: August 14, 2013 at 7:01 PM  
To: E B Bearpaw01@earthlink.net

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Eleanor

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Rob

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Date: July 1, 2013 at 3:24 PM
To: Selectmen  selectmen@burgy.org
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Mary & Charles
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i'll be in touch with you early afternoon to confirm which way it is going.

gaby

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mine is 413-559-7847.

BTW i do have the email lists from the forum, so i'll slide them in with the reports when we do the hand-off.

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At their meeting on June 13, 2013, the Board of Selectmen voted to reappoint you to the Mill River Greenway Committee for a one-year term through June 30, 2014.

Even though you are already serving in this position, you must still be sworn in by the Town Clerk for the new term of office. (You cannot participate as a voting member until you are sworn in.) If you would like a written certificate of appointment, please ask the Town Clerk.

Note that all appointees must receive a copy of the Open Meeting Law, the Conflict of Interest Law and related materials from the Town Clerk, and must do the online training on Conflict of Interest every two years. The Town Clerk’s office hours are: daytimes Monday and Tuesday 8:30-3:30, Thursday 9-2; evenings Monday 5:30-7, Thursday 6-8.

At the same meeting they reappointed the other nine members, ten total.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the town, thank you for your willingness to give your time and efforts in serving the town.

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Administrative Assistant
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413-268-8409 fax
Eric –
Did you say your committee has ideas for new members? There are at least 3 vacancies, 4 if Marvin decides not to continue. I hope to present the list of appointments to the Select Board this Thursday. Do you want to get new people lined up by then? (All I need is a letter of interest from them – can be emailed.)
Thanks.

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Hi,

P.P.S. I just found out last night that Todd Lynch won't be staying with the Greenway committee after all. In the plus column, new Haydenville resident Karin McGowan would like to join us, and has promised to contact the Select Board to officially ask.

Thanks,
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Best,
Marvin

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2 Valley View Road
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Greetings All,
Uncertain why there was an 'a' in Unquomonk in my cultural-historical part of the final report referring to Wm Skinner's Unquomonk Silk Company (typo or b/c Skinner spelled it that way?), I double-checked this morning: it was a typo!

But I found this on the Internet that I thought might interest you. It's not too long, & there are some photos (tho' none of the Skinnerville factory).

http://www.valleyadvocate.com/blogs/home.cfm?aid=9842

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Sent from my iPad

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Eric

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Our committee will be meeting tonight at 7pm at the Town Hall to go over the final draft of our Feasibility Report to the town, which we are submitting at this Thursday's Selectboard meeting. If you happen to be available, it would be a good time to stop by and meet the current committee, most of whom will be continuing on for next year's work.

Regardless, I'll send you the report when it is finished this week, and keep you posted when the new committee sets its meeting schedule. We'd be happy for some new energy in support of our effort to connect Haydenville and Williamsburg with a non-motorized pathway roughly following the course of the river.

see you round the 'hood!
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The space was across the river from the Riverview Bar & Grill; the bridge whose abutments remain led to it. The sesquicentennial events were held there. There was a booklet produced for them. There are probably photos in the Historical Society museum in the old town hall which will be open this afternoon, but I am not free to go look. Someone there will probably be able to locate one & most have been digitized, so it could be forwarded to you via the Internet.

I'm about to click the "Send" button for a note I was just writing to everyone about fixing the language & style of the annual report... Lots of things aren't quite right from that standpoint. I've begun working on it, but have limited time available. Need to head out to an event.

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re Marvin's suggestion for authorial attribution. I support recognition and due credit but in this case it seems a bit odd and a cluttering distraction to include authors by section.

my 2 cents.

your executive decision.

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Rob

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marvin J. Ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
Subject: language corrections in the final report
Date: June 23, 2013 9:40:32 AM EDT
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>, "cc: Eric Bloomquist" <bearpaw01@earthlink.net>, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com>, John Hoogstraten <jhoog@comcast.net>, Larry West <landiwest3315@yahoo.com>, Mary Dudek <CMDudek@yahoo.com>, Neal Bastek <NealBastek@gmail.com>, Nick Dines <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, "Rob & Judy Stinson" <rjstinson@comcast.net>, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net>

Greetings all,

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Subject: Re: language corrections in the final report

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A few bits of feedback follow. more to come later.

In the introduction section where resources and contacts are listed we should add Wayne Feiden, director of planning for the city of Northampton, who met with Gaby and me about funding.

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Sent from my iPad

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To: Gaby Immerman
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Hi everyone,

I've uploaded a second draft of the "Next Steps Parking Lot" to the Dropbox. We need to draft a mission statement for the committee's Year Two work. Also, Eric, if you could please fill in what you know about who is interested in serving on the committee next year.

Mary is making some revisions to the Forum Comments spreadsheet, and then EJ (Reid's summer Smith student) will play around with formatting the full comments for inclusion as an Appendix in the final report. Eric, thanks for taking a stab at the comment summary.

What are the other missing pieces? It would be great if we could have revised drafts of all sections ready to review at the 6/18 meeting.

Have we had any discussion of who should attend the Selectboard meeting to present the final report?

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Subject: Re: MRGreenway Committee Meeting 6/4/2013  
Date: June 5, 2013 at 10:26 PM  
To: jhoog@comcast.net

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Hi Eleanor,

I'm sorry to say that I am overcommitted, and therefore, will have to pass on this opportunity.

Thank you and all the best,

Jim

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 6, 2013, at 1:40 PM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Jim and Marvin –
I’m putting together the list of reappointments. Are you interested and willing to continue to serve on the Mill River Greenway Committee? I would like to know by early next week so I can finalize the list. Thanks.

Eleanor Warnock
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Eric –
Rob Stinson was appointed your 13\textsuperscript{th} member at the last Select Board meeting.

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Eric - some problem with Doug Baker's letter; will send separately
John

From: epkeegan@comcast.net
To: "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2013 9:20:38 PM
Subject: support letters

see attached
Eric,

I worked in my shop all day today, so did not have a chance to get these to you. But, Eileen reminds me that we have the capability (well, she does) to scan and transmit them to you electronically, which is the format we assume they will end up in when in your hands anyway. We'll get them off to you this evening.

Your Luddite committee-mate,
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Todd
For approval. Thanks.

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Rob
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Eleanor

From: Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 11:14 PM
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Subject: Re: appointments Mill River

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Yes:

Gaby Immerman
Rob Stinson
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Hi Eric, I am not sure how to respond. Can this be done?

Larry

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As far as I know, there are currently three committee members who live on or near possible routes.

I'll pass your thanks on to Gaby.

Thank "you" for participating, and please let me know if you have any other questions or comments.

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(Who ended up with the sign-in sheets? How many people were there?)

Don't forget that our next meeting is Tuesday at 7pm.

Agenda:
- Minutes from last meeting
- community forum
  - general impressions and stand-out comments
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- other business

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see you at 1pm, the final maps are GORGEOUS. Reid put them on fancy paper and everything :)

gaby

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Happy Weekend!

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Larry

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Thanks, Nick.

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I have no idea why my computer sent it off B4 I had finished it... As I was writing:

Frank's letter & the NY Times piece that he referred to w/her/him @ the forum. the health side of the greenway is not one we have talked abt much (or even @ all?), but is an important one that deserves mention by someone @ some point.

Best,

Marvin

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Best regards,

Marvin J. Ward, Ph.D.

2 Valley View Road

Williamsburg, MA 01096-9734

413-268-7998
I am writing to let you know that I think the Mill River Greenway from Haydenville to Williamsburg is a great idea. I live in West Chesterfield and have one child at the Hilltown Coop Charter Public School. I enjoy getting around by bike and would love to have a way to connect to towns beyond Williamsburg without having to go on dangerous sections of Route 9 near the Brassworks.

I appreciate what you are doing.

Thank you,

Deanna Scarfe
Hi Gaby,

Thanks, but I'll bring copies.

Eric

On May 14, 2013, at 3:33 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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Hi Rob,

We all agreed to be there by 1pm to help with set up, hanging maps, being ready to welcome attendees, etc. Please remember to bring whatever clipboard(s) you are able to scrounge up.

thanks,
gaby

On Mon, May 13, 2013 at 7:12 AM, Rob & Judy Stinson <rjstinson@comcast.net> wrote:

Gaby,

what time would you like committee members to show up on Sunday for any set up etc.?

Rob

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According to the online Burgy calendar, the Town Meeting is Monday, June 3rd at 7pm. Where have you seen it listed for the 4th?

Thanks,

Eric

On May 9, 2013, at 11:19 AM, Charles / Mary Dudek wrote:

Hi Eric

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Mary
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Mary
Eric,

Mary and I would like continue our service on the Greenway committee. I am the source of the confusion on the town meeting date. It is to be held on June 3. I thought I saw June 4 on the town website.

Charles
Thanks

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On 5/3/2013 5:07 PM, Ralmon Black wrote:

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To unsubscribe, please send your request to:

Ralmon Jon Black
WHS Corresponding Sec.
[413] 268-7767
RalmonBlack@gmail.com

Please pass this information along to anyone you think might be interested.

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413-268-2091
From: Eric Bloomquist  eab@me.com
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway: Community Forum May 19th, at 2pm
Date: May 9, 2013 at 1:40 PM
To: Pat Billingsley  pbilling@smith.edu

Yes, please do forward the announcement. Sorry you'll miss it, but what a great reason!

Eric

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Best, Pat

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Great. It's a school thing - kids set up tables to show their science experiments, robotics projects etc. Like a science fair but it's not competitive at all. It starts at 6:30 if you want to drop anything off about the Greenway thing.

On Wed, May 1, 2013 at 12:23 PM, <bearpaw01@earthlink.net> wrote:

Hi,

Yes, that's a good idea and thanks.

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Eric

On Apr 29, 2013, at 4:51 PM, Corey Griffin <coreyalbertgriffin@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thnx, Gaby. Greetings all. Haven't looked @ any of this yet, but in the hour or so of time I had between brkfst & departure, I did manage to make the minor revisions to the Cult/Hist doc & figure out how & actually get it uploaded to the Dropbox. Hooray for me!! Yesterday, I had no time for either lunch or supper; today I'll get the former, not sure abt the latter...

Best,

Marvin

On Mon, May 6, 2013 at 9:54 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

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Eric, please add to your list to make sure all Town Admin, Select Board, and committees get copies of both.

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gaby

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Nick

FORWARDED MESSAGE:

Would you like to see our village centers more connected? Last time we asked, we heard a resounding Yes!
Would you like to safely walk, run, or bike without having to face the traffic on Route 9?
Would you like your children to be able to?
Would you like to once again see the Mill River as the vibrant centerpiece of our community?
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Eric Bloomquist, eab@me.com or (413) 268-2091
Minutes of tonight's meeting are attached for review. Thanks.

John
Folks, I'd like to follow Nick's lead with FNTG and urge MRGI members to do likewise.

John

On May 6, 2013, at 8:30 AM, Nicholas Horton wrote:

Gaby,

We're gearing up to fundraise as well, and are happy to process donations on behalf of this project:

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Nick

On May 5, 2013, at 8:26 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:

For our consideration at tomorrow night's MRGC meeting.

Nick (Horton) -- us Burgy folk would be interested in brainstorming with Friends of Northampton Trails about raising the $5K. How about 1000 people at $5 each to show the support of the community for this extension?

gaby

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Wayne Feiden <wfeiden@northamptonma.gov>
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Subject: Re: next steps
To: Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu>

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The First Century of Transportation

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(Bring your favorite dish to share)

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7:30 pm Program

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Free and Open to the Public ~ Bring Family and Friends

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I will ask my amazingly talented friend Seth Gregory to make it snazzier. I'll circulate it to the committee for text comments first.

thanks/sorry Neil!

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5-7 at the Bastek's, 3 Village Hill Avenue, Williamsburg

Friends of friends of the river are more than welcome, as are kids and families.

More details here:
http://millrivergreenway.org/?p=1350

Light refreshments will be served.

Cheers,
Neal

413.588.8813
Join us for our spring celebration.

Is this email not displaying correctly? View it in your browser.

Just a quick reminder our spring party is Friday evening, we do hope you'll join us, and bring along a friend of the river or two...

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Come celebrate another year of inspiring activity on the Mill River with us at our annual spring celebration. The party will take place on Friday April 26th, from 5 to 7 PM at the home of MRGI co-moderator Neal Bastek, 3 Village Hill Avenue, in Williamsburg.

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We're looking to grow our membership base this year so please consider bringing a friend of the river along and introducing them to our work. Please rsvp to info@millrivergreenway.org
The Hyslips (Jim and his wife Kim) are good people. I've met them, but am embarrassed to say that, even though they live right down the street from me, I don't know them very well. It's great that he is interested in helping with the greenway.

John
Jim Hyslip (Petticoat Hill Rd) is an enthusiastic supporter of the Greenway. He has offered his support and expertise (he’s a PE) when necessary. I met Jim recently (he’s a member of the Water & Sewer Commission).

Charles
Hi, Eric,
I think you are the one who is drafting the press release for the Public Forum?

I have arranged for an item to be included in the COA newsletter, but it is being written this week, so I will need to have the PR very soon. The office is closed on Fridays, so Sherri will have to have it finished on Thurs @ the latest, perhaps even sooner. I don't know what her mailing date is. Alternatively, you can send it directly to sloomis@burgy.org.

Best,
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Hello Wayne,

I'm pleased to provide you with the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee's letter of support for Northampton's Land and Water Conservation grant proposal, which was reviewed and approved by the Williamsburg Selectboard this evening.

We all look forward to continued cooperation on Mill River projects in the future!

gaby

On Thu, Apr 18, 2013 at 8:16 AM, Wayne Feiden <wfeiden@northamptonma.gov> wrote:
That timing is perfect. Thank you so much.

Wayne

On Wed, Apr 17, 2013 at 9:47 PM, Gaby Immerman <gimmerma@smith.edu> wrote:
Hi Wayne,

Last night the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee voted to provide you with the letter of support you requested. We have written the letter, but the committee felt it prudent that we inform the Wmsbg Selectboard before sending it out to you. They are meeting tomorrow night, Thursday, and two of our committee members will present the letter to them.

I expect to send you the letter late Thursday night or very early Friday morning. I hope this will be in time to include with your application.

I hope your public meeting tonight was a success. I look forward to hearing all about this exciting prospect at our meeting next Monday.

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gaby,

the Select Board gave us the OK to send the letter. Attached is the letter. I changed town to City in the last paragraph. Also attached are two versions of the select Board letterhead if you wish to use it.

Charles
This is indeed a MassDOT initiative that has been in the works for several years - @ least 7 or 8; I was personally involved in parts of the beginnings of it, both from an advocacy and design/planning aspects, incl the decision abt its name, & know some of the designers personally as well. It is a Statewide set of bike routes, w/ 3 E-W ones, North, Central, & South, & several N-S routes, The 2 N-S ones in our area being on either side of the Conn River, Called Conn River E & Conn River W. Obviously, we are closest to the Central E-W one, as the signs on South Street, for example, say. The signage was ordered abt 2 yrs ago & is finally going up. The routes are supposed to be scenic & away from heavily traveled routes insofar as possible, & w/ terrain of moderate difficulty. Some portions, incl the Central E-W one will use rail trails where they exist & are appropriate - We are obviously further West than the Northampton terminus of what was the Central Mass RR, later Mass Central, & then later still the Central line of the B&M, but whose conversion will ultimately be known as the Mass Central Rail Trail (w/ sub-names such as the Norwottuck RT where portions have been converted for many years & given their own names. That is the explanation for the “Mass Central” wording on the aforementioned signage on South St.

Marvin

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From: epkeegan@comcast.net
To: "John Hoogstraten" <jhoog@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 9:52:04 PM
Subject: Bay State Greenway

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sorry to hear you are sick! i didn't see your email before the meeting, but john asked me to chair and i was glad to do so. everything went great and we got a lot done. i'm sure john will send the minutes soon and i'll be preparing another 'homework assignments' list to guide our work for the next two weeks.

one thing we had hoped to do at this meeting was approve your second draft of the press release for the 5/19 forum. we sharpened up a list of assignments for committee members to reach out to the various venues, and we want to be ready with the press release and the flyer in final form ready to be distributed at the next MRGC meeting in early May.

can you send the amended press release to the committee as soon as you are up to it so we can approve it?

thank you and hope you are on the mend,
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Hi All,

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Rob and Charles will bring this letter to the Selectboard tomorrow night to inform them of our intentions before we send the letter to Northampton.

I have alerted Wayne that we intend to send the letter but will not actually send it until Rob or Charles sends a message with the Selectboard's response after Thursday's meeting.

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Hi Eric,

The meeting went well. A light turnout again...you were out sick, Neal is away on vacation, not sure about Jim or Larry. (We haven't seen Larry for several meetings now.)

There was much agreement about the need for caution with Gaby's letter. Charles had already re-written the fourth (most troublesome) paragraph. With a bit of minor tweaking, the committee accepted his version as safe enough to use. We felt that if the letter was framed as a "response to Wayne Feiden's request", and seen as an exercise in reciprocity (Wayne could likely be an enormous help to us as/if we move forward) it was acceptable. Rob suggested, and he, along with Charles, will be attending the Selectboard meeting on Thursday to get their blessing before passing it on to Wayne Feiden. We carefully parsed the language they will use to present the letter.

You will be receiving minutes from me, and I assume the usual work assignments list from Gaby. I believe you will also be receiving a copy of the above letter from her. The one thing I know we need from you is a final draft of the press release (when you're feeling better, of course).

Be well,
John

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Hi Gaby and John,

If either of you get this before you head off to the Greenway meeting tonight, could you give me a call at 588-4293?

Thanks,
Eric
Gaby,

Eric is staying home sick tonight. Would you be willing to chair the meeting? I would like to be able to focus on the minutes. I printed the agenda and can give you a copy at the meeting.

John
268-7523

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Also, Eric, Neal is out of town. Not sure if he will see/respond to your message.

John

From: "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>
To: landlwest3315@yahoo.com, gimmerma@smith.edu, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, jamesrayres@gmail.com, jhoog@comcast.net, NealBastek@gmail.com, rjstinson@comcast.net, "todd lynch" <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, "marvin j ward" <marvin.j.ward@gmail.com>
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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 2:01:16 PM
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Mr Bloomquist
Thank you
Marion Hoar

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Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 6:30 PM
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You'll see below that there is a public meeting scheduled for April 17 regarding the possibility of extending the Northampton Rail Trail up the river through Leeds.  Exciting timing with respect to our own work and momentum around Greenway connectivity in the region.

Jim and I have a date to meet informally with Wayne Feiden, Northampton Director of Planning and Sustainability, on Monday 4/22 to update him on our progress and seek his input in populating our "funding resource parking lot" for the Feasibility Study.

Meanwhile, Wayne has asked our committee to consider offering a letter of support for a grant they are seeking relating to the Leeds project.  I will bring a draft to our 4/16 meeting for your consideration, we can discuss whether we want to submit such a letter, and if so, whether everyone is on board with the draft wording.

Because our meeting is the day before the April 17 meeting in Northampton, we can discuss who is planning to attend and whether we wish to empower one of our members to speak on behalf of the Williamsburg MRGC at the hearing.

At a minimum it provides a good opportunity to spread the word about our own public meeting on May 19.

gaby
Come celebrate another year of inspiring activity on the Mill River with us at our annual spring celebration. The party will take place on **Friday April 26th, from 5 to 7 PM** at the home of MRGi co-moderator Neal Bastek, 3 Village Hill Avenue, in Williamsburg.

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We’re looking to grow our membership base this year so please consider bringing a friend of the river along and introducing them to our work. **Please rsvp to info@millrivergreenway.org**

**Public Hearing on Northampton Rail Trail Extension Northward**

If you’d like to see the Northampton Rail Trail extended northward we urge you to attend an upcoming public hearing on the subject.

7:00 PM Wed. April 17th, 2013  
JFK Middle School, Community Room  
100 Bridge Road, Florence

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For more information contact the department of planning and sustainability in Northampton at **413.587.1266**
We're looking forward to seeing you all at these two great events, and out and about on the river this spring. We've got a couple walks in the works for summer so stay tuned; bring your ideas to the party and we'll see if we can make one happen in your neighborhood this year.

Cheers,
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Marvin

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Date: Fri, Apr 5, 2013 at 1:44 PM
Subject: [massbikepv] Fwd: Mass Central/Norwottuck Rail Trail Extension in Leeds-- Public Hearing 7:00 PM Wednesday April 17, 2013
To: MassBike/Pioneer Valley listserv <massbikepv@yahoogroups.com>

Please come voice your support for the extension of the trail from Leeds towards Williamsburg!

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It's long! But it's exciting to see all of this taking shape.

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While our chairs are still warm, here are the minutes of tonight's meeting.

John
Hi Gaby,

Here's my proposed text for the flyer.

Thanks,
Eric

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Flyer text

Would you like to walk, run, or bike between Haydenville and Williamsburg without competing with Route 9 traffic? Would you like your children to be able to?

We would!

The Williamsburg Mill River Greenway Committee is preparing a report on the feasibility of a Haydenville-Williamsburg multipurpose pathway between our villages, and we need your input. Please join us at a community forum at the town offices, on Sunday, May 19th at 2pm.
Thanks, I'll look for it there.

And yes, a regular mailbox would be helpful, thank you.

Eric

On Apr 1, 2013, at 11:04 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

Eric –
Thank you!
By the way, some mail came for Mill River Greenway and I put it in the “Special/temporary Committees” box. Will you need a regular mailbox?
Eleanor

Hi Eleanor,

Thanks for your patience. Below is the text for the Mill River Greenway Committee's contribution to the Williamsburg 2012 Annual Report. Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

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Annual Report of the Mill River Greenway Committee

On June 14th, 2012, responding to a request from town residents, the Williamsburg Select Board voted to create the Mill River Greenway Committee.

Interest in the possibility of a multipurpose greenway along the Mill River, linking the villages of Haydenville and Williamsburg, was raised during citizen participation in the Open Space and Recreation Plan update process and the Village Center Visioning process. The Williamsburg Open Space Committee hosted a forum on the idea in May of 2012, which resulted in the request to the Select Board.

The first goal of the Mill River Greenway Committee is to present an initial feasibility study to the Select Board and town residents by June of 2013. To that end, the Committee met monthly in 2012 and will continue to meet to prepare the study.
Among the committee's efforts in 2012 were:

- traveling to Great Barrington, to see the Housatonic RiverWalk and speak with Rachel Fletcher - one of the founders of the RiverWalk - about the history of that greenway trail

- hosting a committee meeting focused on gathering information about local resources and independent efforts that may be helpful in the creation of a greenway

- working with Smith College faculty member Reid Bertone-Johnson and his students, who have been very helpful with mapping resources

- connecting with Mark Moore, Project Development Engineer for MassDOT, regarding possible coordination of efforts along Route 9

In 2013, the Mill River Greenway Committee looks forward to soliciting input from residents and business owners along the Mill River corridor between the villages, as well as meeting with all interested town residents at a Mill River Greenway Community Forum on May 19th. That input will be central to our report to the Select Board.

The Committee's activities in 2013 after our report to the Select Board in June will depend on the Select Board's recommendations at the time.

Respectfully submitted,
Mill River Greenway Committee

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On Mar 18, 2013, at 10:53 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

It will probably come out the first Monday in May, but it is about calendar year 2012.
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From: bearpaw01@earthlink.net [mailto:bearpaw01@earthlink.net]
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Hi Eleanor,

When will the annual report be published? I'm thinking about including a mention of the Greenway Committee's community forum on May 16th ...

Thanks,
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On Mar 14, 2013, at 10:41 AM, "Selectmen" <selectmen@burgy.org> wrote:

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To: landlwest3315@yahoo.com; gimmerma@smith.edu; ndines@larp.umass.edu; CMDudek@yahoo.com; jamesrayres@gmail.com; jhoog@comcast.net; NealBastek@gmail.com; rjstinson@comcast.net; todd_lynch@comcast.net; marvin.j.ward@gmail.com
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Neal

On Sun, Mar 17, 2013 at 12:10 PM, Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com> wrote:

Hi all,

Remember that we have a Greenway Committee meeting this Tuesday at 7pm at the town offices.

Agenda:

Approve minutes for 3/4/13
Outreach letters
Annual report
Feasibility report planning
Other business

Those of you working on the outreach letters, please get final versions (w/ changes from our last meeting) to Gaby and myself ASAP, so copies can be printed out in time for the meeting.

I have confirmed that we can use the town seal with our committee name for letterhead.

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Thanks,
Eric
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gaby

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Names and email addresses have been added for all of us, in the "... w contacts" version.

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On Mar 17, 2013, at 9:06 PM, Jim Ayres <jamesrayres@gmail.com> wrote:

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I sent PDF versions of all the relevant file in Dropbox to Charlene so we should be Kosher with open meeting expectations. I recommend that we stay with Dropbox and send PDFs of any new files to charlene at the same time that we send minutes (after each meeting) so that they can be posted to the website. That way we stay with the system we have gotten used to, but also allow for full public transparency. I am willing to do the pDFs.

I may not be able to be there Tuesday. It's my son's birthday and I want to make sure I get some time with him and the fam.

Thanks,
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2013, at 12:34 PM, Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com> wrote:

Dang, I knew I was forgetting something. Thanks Gaby -- it's been added.

Re: the letterhead: If we want, we can just use a simple heading that says

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But if we want to include the town seal, we can.

Some of the forms and documents on the town web site incorporate the town seal. If you (or anyone else) wants to find a clean graphic to snag and put together a letterhead for these letters, have fun. Email it to Gaby and Cc me.

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I have written up a short bit about the Greenway Committee's work in 2012 for the Williamsburg Annual Report. If possible, please read it in advance of our Tuesday meeting so I can incorporate feedback and get it to Eleanor.

Thanks!

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Annual Report of the Mill River Greenway Committee

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The first goal of the Mill River Greenway Committee is to present an initial feasibility study to the Select Board and town residents by June of 2013. To that end, the Committee met monthly in 2012 and will continue to meet to prepare the study.

Among the committee's activities in 2012 were:

- traveling to Great Barrington, to see the Housatonic RiverWalk and speak with Rachel Fletcher - one of the founders of the RiverWalk - about the history of that greenway trail
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Todd

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John

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To: jhoog@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 12:52:41 PM
Subject: MA Greenway and Trail Events and Resources

March 2013 – Upcoming Events and Resources

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Round is now open!
Grant deadline is April 24 at 3:00 pm.

Please attend a grant workshop (RSVP required):
- Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00 am in the 2nd floor conference room, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston
- Friday, March 29, 2013 at 11:00 am in Amherst at the Department of Agricultural Resources office at 101 University Drive, Suite C4


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The Fábos Conference on Landscape and Greenway Planning will be held this year at the University of Massachusetts on April 12th-14th. The conference will bring together experts who are influencing landscape planning, policy making and greenway planning from the local to international level. It is intended to highlight recent trends and expand the literature about landscape and greenway planning. The aim is to explore how landscape architects and planners from different countries have approached greenway planning and to understand how greenways have been tailored to each county’s unique geographical, cultural, and political circumstances.

For more information about the conference, as well as registration and accommodations, please visit [http://blogs.umass.edu/faboslgpconf/](http://blogs.umass.edu/faboslgpconf/)

For further questions please contact: faboslgpconf@larp.umass.edu
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April 13-17, 2013
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Saturday, May 4, 2013
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The statewide trails conference is supported by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Board (MARTAB), and the Recreational Trails Grants Program.

For more information, registration details and agenda see [http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/calendar.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/calendar.htm)

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DCR Greenways
Hi Eric –

Thanks for getting me the dates. I appreciate it!

Todd

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On Mar 13, 2013, at 4:10 PM, Todd Lynch <todd_lynch@comcast.net> wrote:

Eric –

Could you send me the dates that we are set to meet? Are we now on an everyother Monday schedule? It's been hard for me to make the meetings because my wife has choir practice on Mondays. If I know far enough in advance, I can try and get child care.

Thanks!

Todd

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On Mar 13, 2013, at 1:21 PM, Eric Bloomquist [mailto:eab@me.com] wrote:

Hi Todd,

I've been asked to forward this on to the committee. I'm happy to do so, because although they're focused on urban streets (Boston area streets in particular), I'm sure we can learn from them.

Also, as someone who lived in Somerville for a while, I'm impressed by their efforts to make the McGrath corridor friendlier to people on foot and bike.

Thanks,

Eric

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Request forward to Mill River Greenway (please forward to entire Committee) and Pedestrian Safety Committee by Marvin Ward

From: Jackie Douglas [mailto:jrosenblum@livablestreets.ccsend.com] On Behalf Of Jackie Douglas
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Today, as part of the State's repair project, MassDOT is planning to make additional surface improvements for people to make it safer and easier to walk, bike, take the bus, and drive, when originally the only plan was to repair the structure.

LivableStreets urged the State to reconsider how they are investing money in this project. Last week, data and conceptual drawings were presented to LivableStreets and other stakeholders. The drawings showed new and improved intersections, buffered bicycle lanes, designated areas for buses, improved traffic signals, and the closing of ramps and tunnels.

With the addition of a new intersection and improved crossings, you would be able to walk and bike along McGrath and get from one side of McGrath to the other safely and more easily, unlike today.

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WHEN: Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (estimated duration is 90 minutes)

TO REGISTER: Either e-mail Beverly Perry at bperry@k-plaw.com or telephone her at 617.654.1752. Once you register, you will be sent log-in instructions and an electronic copy of the meeting materials. Kindly register NO LATER THAN 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20th.
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hi eric,
do we have it "out there" that we are meeting on Tues? 7pm, right?
Reid B-J will be there from Smith, to advise on the outreach event in May.
gaby

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What is the upshot on final drafts of letters being printed, what envelopes to use, etc. in preparation for Tuesday's mailing party? I will have the database spreadsheet ready to go with notes provided to me at last meeting, along with mailing labels. I can print copies of the bus and res letters if you provide them and letterhead formatting, or not, as Charlene has directed.

let me know as there's a couple of days at work to turn this around for Tues evening.

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The response came from Charlene Nardi, Town Administrator regarding the mailing.

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Mailing:
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Good Afternoon,

If your board, committee or department wishes to request a special article for the Monday, June 3rd town meeting warrant, please submit your request to the Board of Selectmen no later than Thursday, April 18, 2013.

These requests should only include those that aren’t a regular article on the warrant for town meeting consideration. Also, a reminder that any funding request of $10,000 or more must be presented to the Capital Planning Committee first. If you have questions about that process, please contact Jeff Ciuffreda.

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Hi Eric

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Mary
Eric,

Their next meeting is March 13th. The meeting that we are tentatively scheduled to attend is April 10th.

John

From: "Eric Bloomquist" <eab@me.com>
To: jhoog@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 9:31:50 AM
Subject: Re: school outreach

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Eric

On Mar 4, 2013, at 6:38 PM, Sean Gaffney <seannyg@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Committee,

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Subject: Re: next Mill River Greenway mtg - Monday, 3/4 at 7:30
Date: February 27, 2013 at 11:38 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com
Hi Eric -

I am sorry to miss this next meeting - we'll be coming back from a trip that night. I'll be at the next one.

Todd

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Jim

On Thu, Feb 21, 2013 at 3:41 PM, Eric Bloomquist <eab@me.com> wrote:

Hi,

I just noticed an odd thing about the shared MRGC Dropbox folder. I created a link to it, with the idea of linking it to our page on the official Burgy site, thinking that anybody should be able to look at the files without changing them. Just to test that, I created a brand-new Dropbox account. Unfortunately, I was able to use that account to upload changed versions of a file to the shared folder.

Is changing content in the shared folder not limited to the committee members, or did I accidentally find a way around the limitation?

Thanks,
Eric

On Jan 7, 2013, at 3:48 PM, Dropbox <no-reply@dropbox.com> wrote:

Hi E,

I've invited you to a Dropbox shared folder called "Shared MRGC Documents."

"Hello Mill River Greenway Committee members.

I have set up this folder in "DropBox" as a way of hosting shared documents for our committee's work. So far, it includes files relating to our "funding parking lot" and the document containing extracts from the open space committee report.

By following the steps in this message you will be able to read or edit these documents as well as to add additional documents. I will provide additional information at our meeting this evening as needed.

Jim Ayres"

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From: Dropbox no-reply@dropbox.com
Subject: E Bloomquist shared "Shared MRGC Documents" with you
Date: February 21, 2013 at 3:14 PM
To: eab@me.com
From: Selectmen selectmen@burgy.org
Subject: FW: You're Invited - Regional Roundtable - February 27, 2013
Date: February 14, 2013 at 2:12 PM
To: abussler@k12s.phast.umass.edu, assessors@burgy.org, Bob Buchele rbuchele@smith.edu, Burghighway@verizon.net, cggessmith@comcast.net, CMDudek@yahoo.com, coa@burgy.org, donnasgibson@gmail.com, Eric Bloomquist BearPaw01@earthlink.net, gibuild@verizon.net, gm11@crocker.com, johnpohanka@comcast.net, Kim Boas wkoas@gmail.com, libdir2@hotmail.com, lindabbc@gmail.com, mbisbee52@hotmail.com, Paul.Jahnige@state.ma.us, ralmonblack@gmail.com, rjstinson@comcast.net, sayre@crocker.com, sechristia@comcast.net, sjenkins@hr-k12.org, smith.boas@verizon.net, townadmin@burgy.org, townclerk@burgy.org, towncollector@burgy.org, treasurer@burgy.org, wicklandd@williamsburgpd.org, ‘Ciuffreda@myonlinechamber.com’ <Joyce_Muka@yahoo.com> ‘Joyce, Muka@yahoo.com’, ‘dex3165@aol.com’ <‘dex3165@aol.com’>, ‘assessors@burgy.org’ <assessors@burgy.org>, ‘foothillshealth@yahoo.com’ <foothillshealth@yahoo.com>, ‘loomissally@gmail.com’ <loomissally@gmail.com>, ‘theos4@verizon.net’ <theos4@verizon.net>, ‘tom@reelifeproductions.com’ <tom@reelifeproductions.com>, ‘ndines@larp.umass.edu’ <ndines@larp.umass.edu>, ‘todd_lynch@comcast.net’ <todd_lynch@comcast.net>, ‘jODY14@hotmail.com’ <jODY14@hotmail.com>, ‘burgydogofficer@gmail.com’ <burgydogofficer@gmail.com>, ‘Gary.Benoit@testamericainc.com’ <Gary.Benoit@testamericainc.com>, ‘estewart@stuaf.umass.edu’ <estewart@stuaf.umass.edu>, ‘hrmc@crocker.com’ <hrmc@crocker.com>, ‘trishcolson@gmail.com’ <trishcolson@gmail.com>, ‘essencewoodworks@verizon.net’ <essencewoodworks@verizon.net>, ‘liz9@comcast.net’ <‘liz9@comcast.net’>, ‘hrmc@crocker.com’ <hrmc@crocker.com>, ‘russo@northamptonma.gov’ <russo@northamptonma.gov>, ‘dianemerritt67@gmail.com’ <dianemerritt67@gmail.com>
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Agenda:

Open the meeting
approve previous minutes
discuss property owner outreach
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other business
adjourn

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From: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com
Subject: Open Meeting Law Summary
Date: February 7, 2013 at 12:09 PM
To: marvin.j.ward@gmail.com, gimmerma@smith.edu, ndines@larp.umass.edu, CMDudek@yahoo.com, jamesrayres@gmail.com, jhoog@comcast.net, NealBastek@gmail.com, rjstinson@comcast.net, seannyg@gmail.com, todd_lynch@comcast.net, landlwest3315@yahoo.com
From: Charles / Mary Dudek cmdudek@yahoo.com
Subject: Open Meeting Lawe Summary
Date: February 7, 2013 at 11:07 AM
To: bearpaw01@earthlink.net
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Nick and I will be meeting at Smith this Thursday to refine this spreadsheet and subcategorize it by 'level of impact' so we can prioritize our outreach efforts. So consider this a first draft only, and please bring any comments, refinements, additions, etc. to our meeting on 2/19.

see you then!
gaby

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From: Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu
Subject: Fwd: Mill River follow up
Date: February 5, 2013 at 10:39 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist bearpaw01@comcast.net
From: Eric Bloomquist eab@me.com
Subject: Re: RFP for Rural Design Workshops and Technical Assistance Issued by CIRD
Date: January 30, 2013 at 9:30 AM
To: Rob & Judy Stinson rjstinson@comcast.net
From: Rob & Judy Stinson  rjstinson@comcast.net
Subject: Re: RFP for Rural Design Workshops and Technical Assistance Issued by CIRD
Date: January 30, 2013 at 8:52 AM
To: eab@me.com
From: Neal Bastek nealbastek@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: FW: RFP for Rural Design Workshops and Technical Assistance Issued by CIRD
Date: January 17, 2013 at 10:05 AM
To: Eric Bloomquist bearpaw01@earthlink.net
From: eab@me.com
Subject: Mill River Greenway Committee reminder
Date: January 29, 2013 at 11:10 PM
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 seannyaug@gmail.com, Gaby Immerman gimmerma@smith.edu, Todd Lynch todd_lynch@comcast.net, Marvin Ward marvin.j.ward@gmail.com, Larry West landiwest3315@yahoo.com, Rob Stinson rjstinson@comcast.net, John Hoogstraten jhoog@comcast.net
Cc: Town Clerk townclerk@burgy.org
From: Charlene L. Nardi townadmin@burgy.org
Subject: Williamsburg All Boards Meeting
Date: January 24, 2013 at 10:58 AM
To: bearpaw01@comcast.net, bearpaw01@earthlink.net, Tom Adams – Reelife Productions & Folktography tomadams@gmail.com, Jim Locke gibuild@verizon.net, Mary Dudek cmdudek@yahoo.com, Eric Weiss hrmc@crocker.com
From: eab@me.com
Subject: Re: Mill River Greenway Mtg Agenda - 7pm Mon 1/7 at Meekins Library
Date: January 6, 2013 at 1:09 PM
To: todd lynch todd_lynch@comcast.net
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Date: January 4, 2013 at 8:49 AM
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