

TAUNTON RIVER STEWARDSHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the June 18, 2020 - Meeting

Note: This was a Zoom Meeting

Hosted by: Bill -SRPEDD & Alison - TNC

1. Meeting called to order - at 7:11 PM - By Harry Bailey, Co-Chair
2. Minutes discussed & current situation regarding COVID 19
3. Updates on Current Activities
  - A. NPS - (Bill -SRPEDD- Reviewed in Jamie's absence)
    1. Virtual "River Festival"
    2. Education
    3. Budget:  
New Co-op for Park Service \$150,000.
    4. NPS - Now Hiring. We are to split 3 ways.  
Closes end of next week.
  - B. T. R. Festival (Joe - TRWA)  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - Scheduled date - possible to change.  
Dick has been working very hard on this.
  - C. TRWA - Joe  
Terrapin Project: Going Well  
Wood Turtles in River
  - D. TNC - Alison & Bill SRPEDD
    1. \$3,000,000 Proposal - 3 years  
Briggs St., Dighton - Part of Package.  
Bill will write a letter
    2. Assawompset Pond Watershed - Matching Funding
    3. Flood Management Study
  - E. Regional Grants:
    1. Also for Upper Namesket
    2. 4-5 Grants are being worked on.  
Shared resources: Nesting Bald Eagles, Rare Fish
4. Other:
  - A. Blow downs in River - Monica - Bridgewater  
Attention needed in area.
  - B. Field St. Scott WLT will be looking into.
  - C. Sunrise Drive - Bridgewater. Needs looking into.

- D. Discussed properties in Bridgewater & Halifax.  
Also other projects.
- E. State programs: Bill Halifax
  - 1. Land Projects
  - 2. Agricultural & Fisheries
- F. New Restoration Project - Beth Lambert  
Cranberry - research - Restoration Wetlands, etc.  
Will be reviewing. (Deadline was today)
- 5. Progress/Existing Projects:
  - A. Dock made by Scout. (Eagle Scout Project)
  - B. Other Projects finished up
- 6. New Requests:
  - A. Plympton - Winnetuxet River - Bill  
Needs a match.  
Assessment Grants.  
Discussed cranberry bogs & other lands
  - B. Assawompset Pond - Middleborough area  
Possible public workshops.  
Area needs towns working together.
  - C. Town River - W.Bridgewater - Joan Pierce - Fish & Game  
Several Parcels. Skim Milk Bridge (partial ownership).  
Reviewed history of area. Need to fund 2 studies for  
Consultation Skim Milk Bridge & another historic old road.  
2 stone culverts.  
Est. \$11,300.  
Preservation of bridge. Lots of details - to be worked out.
  - D. **VOTE TAKEN FOR ABOVE ITEMS:**
    - 1. **Plympton-** Matching Funds  
Roll Call Vote. All Yes - 12 - 0  
Abstaining: Bill - SRPEDD  
Bill Hinckley - Halifax  
"Unanimously Approved"
    - 2. **Namesket River**  
Roll Call Vote - All Yes  
Abstaining: Bill - SRPEDD  
"Unanimously Approved"
    - 3. **Skim Milk Bridge**  
Roll Call Vote - All Yes  
"Unanimously Approved" - Abstaining: Beth

- E. Comments & Notes
  - A. Joan said: "Hopefully publicity will help & be beneficial.
  - B. Kitty said: Nunkatessett means - Place of Wolves.  
Molly Ground - means "Place where spirits dwell."  
It was a spiritual area for Native People.  
Perhaps this should be recognized.
  - C. Bill SRPEDD -  
Technical Assistant:  
Middleborough, Lakeville & Dighton  
Mt. Hope trail:  
South Tiverton & possibly Newport,  
"Someday!"
- F. City & Town Updates - Bill - SRPEDD
  - A. Harry Bailey opposed a restaurant on "Nip".
  - B. Kitty discussed 5 acres presently & 80 plus,  
acres in the future.
- 7. Next Meeting: Aug. 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.)  
Potential - Zoom - unless things change.
- 8. Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM