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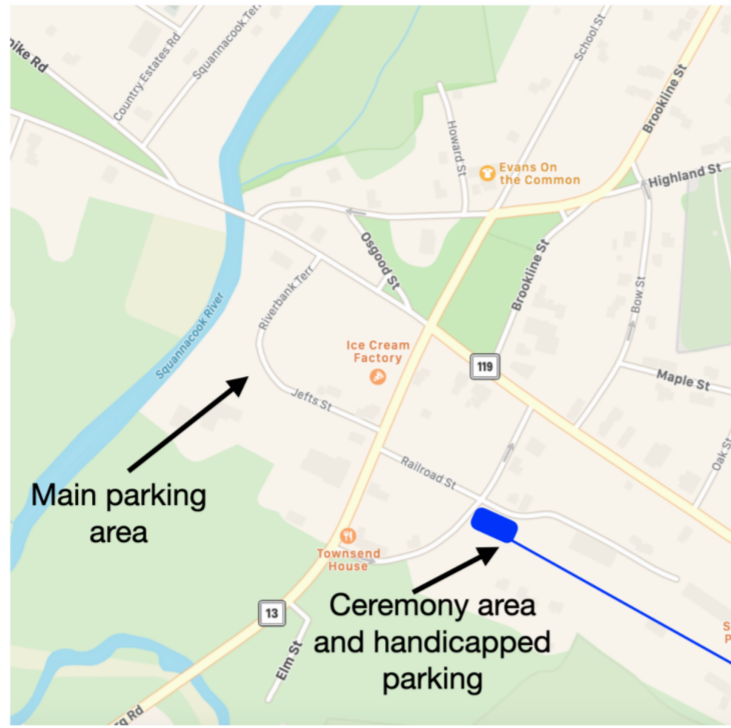
Celebrate with us Saturday Sep 25th at 2 PM!



Join us to celebrate phase 1 of the Squannacook River Rail Trail on Saturday, Sep. 25th at 2 PM at the Depot Street parking area in Townsend

Everyone is invited to an opening ceremony for the first section of the Squannacook River Rail Trail to be held Saturday, Sep 25, 2021 at 2 PM. This event will be to celebrate the opening of this beautiful new stone dust rail trail, and to thank the many people and groups that helped make it possible. We hope to unveil both the Townsend donated bricks and the granite pillar honoring donors at the ceremony. After some remarks, members of the Squannacook Greenways Board of Directors will lead an optional guided walk along the new rail trail.

Pictured at left: Please use the parking area on Riverbank Terrace in Townsend, and save the rail trail parking area for handicapped use. Thanks!



Meehan Bridge Announced!

Squannacook Greenways is excited to announce another project we are undertaking to help make our area more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly: the Meehan Bridge, a pedestrian bridge across the Squannacook River to replace the old bridge on Old Meetinghouse Road.



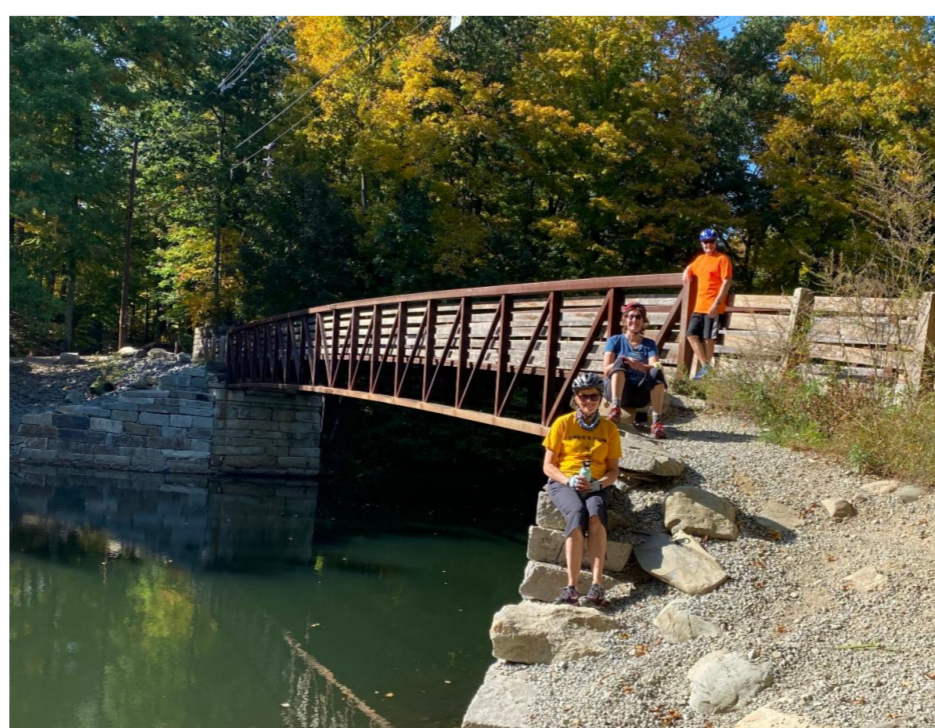
A generous Townsend donor who wishes to remain anonymous offered to pay for this project. The bridge will replace the bridge washed away in the hurricane of 1938 with a pedestrian bridge that will accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and horses. This project will also include improvements to Old Meetinghouse Road, so that bicycle and pedestrians will have easy access from the Timberlee Park area of town to the rail trail and to Townsend center.

The bridge will be named in honor of our dear friend Steve Meehan who worked so many years to get this rail trail built, and who passed away just before construction began.

We have begun the process of permitting this project. There are a number of permitting challenges so we cannot guarantee this project will move forward, but we can promise we will do everything we can to bring make the Meehan Bridge a reality, in order to make our area safer for bicycling and walking.



The remains of the old bridge over the Squannacook River, which was washed away in 1938.



A nearby example of a pedestrian bridge - Fitch's Bridge across the Nashua River in Groton.

