

Notes of Discussions May 9, 2016

Council Members (All were present except for Tracy Gionfriddo; Lois Bruinooge and Michelle Eckman were on conference call; Guests – Steve O’Neill, Jim Kulpa from VHB; Aaron Budris, NVCOG and Laura BrownUConn)

Call to Order 9:35AM by Bruce Donald

March 14 minutes were approved.

Chairman Report- Bruce Donald

1. BikeWalk CT looking for new director. They also need to centralize info for the state.
2. Plainville/NB project meeting went well. FCHT Route 6 bridge progressing
3. Putnam Bridge project meeting at Goodwin College, plans progressing to hook up Goodwin trail with bridge trail
4. Willimantic Trail Ribbon Cutting scheduled for May 14th. Lots of festivities that day on the water as well as land.

Correspondence- Laurie Giannotti

1. Ribbon cutting for Airline Trail in Lebanon on May 21st at 10 AM

CT DOT – provided by Jim Kulpa, VHB, Inc.

1. VHB working with DOT to get 23 projects underway
2. Federal money was reprogramed for the Naugatuck Greenway connection (\$90000)

Legislative Report

1. Going to try to push for License Plate funds in next session again. Bill has a legislator in mind to potentially help.

Old Business

1. NVCOG update: study of design of data collection completed, next decide what trails to use and who will be responsible for counters, etc. There will be training and commitments needed. Need to reach out to user groups and municipalities.
2. Greenway Day (June 3,2016) Awardees - all 8 nominees approved unanimously by Council
3. Greenway Nominees - 2 nominations, Riverfront Recapture, trail from Riverside Park Boat Launch to Charter Oak Boat Launch and Town of Griswold, trail on entire east side of Quinebaug River creating an extension of the existing Greenway from neighboring town. Both approved unanimously by Council.
4. Rec Trail contracts from 2015 going out soon to the awardees.
5. Oct trails conference needs a bigger venue. The response to the new State Rec trails program at CFPA headquarters in April was more than the space could handle.

New Business

1. Trails Day Brochures are now out.
2. Walktober planning underway by the Last Green Valley
3. ECG Hartford to Providence event this year

Next Meeting July 11, 2016 VHB offered to host whenever we like
Adjourn 11:35 AM