



Connecticut Greenways Council

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Council Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017

9:30 AM to 10:30AM,

VHB, Inc. offices, 100 Great Meadow Road Suite 200, in Wethersfield, CT.

Bruce Donald
Tri-State Coordinator,
East Coast Greenway
Chairman

Lois Bruinooge
Executive Director
Last Green Valley

Bob Dickinson
Appalachian Mtn. Club

Michelle Eckman
Director of Education
CT Audubon Society

Joe Hickey
CT Forest & Park Assoc.

Jamie Lintner
Eversource Energy

Rista Malanca
Naugatuck River
Greenway

Stacey Stearns
CT Horse Council

William D. O'Neill
East Coast Greenway
Past Chairman

Laurie Giannotti
Ex-Officio
CT Dept. of Energy &
Environmental Protection

Anna Bergeron
Ex-Officio
CT Dept. of
Transportation

Council Members present:

Bruce Donald, Bob Dickinson, Joe Hickey, Jamie Lintner, Laurie Giannotti

Council Members on the Phone:

Lois Bruinooge, Stacey Stearns

Council Members Absent:

Michelle Eckman, Bill O'Neill, Rista Malanca

Members of the Public Present:

Eric Sanderson - Northeastern Council of Governments, Planner

Jim Kulpa – VHB, Inc. for DOT's TA Program

Kevin Tedesco – AECOM, Transportation Planner II

Julie Dupont-Woody – Avalonia Land Conservancy

Richard Lutz – resident of Rocky Hill

Members of the Public on the Phone:

Laura Brown - UConn Extension Community Economic Development, CT Trail Census Project

Tim Malone - CRCOG

Aaron Budris – NVCOG

Matt House – COREC, Inc. President

Call to Order 9:30

Adoption of Minutes – July minutes approved. May meeting notes are accepted.

Chairman's Report

 – Bruce Donald reported on:

- Discussion of pending State budget. Call to action for CGC members to contact their legislators and inform them on trail success stories, etc to give legislators a focus.
- FCHT almost complete because the route 6 bridge is installed;

Correspondence – Laurie Giannotti had discussions with OPM regarding their trail grant projects.

CTDOT & Bike/Ped Advisory Committee

 – Jim Kulpa from VHB reported

- Bloomfield Greenway – ROW has been secured, looking to begin construction in the spring 2018
- Moosup Valley SPT – preliminary design is completed
- Middletown Wesleyan Hills – university connector trail to begin construction in the spring 2018
- Hop River SPT – bridge over the Willimantic River final design will be completed in the next month.
- Southington FCHT – Lazy Lane to the Plainville Town line preliminary design will be completed by the end of this year
- Shoreline Greenway Trail in Branford – fall construction

Legislative Report – nothing further

Old Business –

- 2017 Trail Symposium, October 19 Thursday – reminder to CGC to attend if possible; 50 registered and all speakers secured. Thanks to Goodwin College staff for critical assistance with logistics including catering and on-line registration.
- CT Recreational Trails Program – planning to announce a new grant round this week.
- NVCOG Trail User Survey – Kristina Kelly presented her responsibilities and goals as the Project Coordinator. A Survey Design Board is being convened. Bruce requested an executive summary with key points of the data findings when possible. Aaron reported that to date ~500,000 hits on the website including community data summaries. Aaron and Laura are now seeking funding to continue support of the program.

New Business – nothing further

Public Q&A – Walktober underway in the Last Green Valley. CGC was encouraged to participate and especially in the Rolltober event that is focused on ADA trail assessment methodology; an evolution of UTAP.

Next Meeting – November 13, 2017 at VHB, Inc. Wethersfield

Adjournment 11:10