



Minutes of the CT Greenways Council Meeting 11/18/13

Council Members (X In attendance)

X Lois Bruinooge - Deputy Executive Director, The Last Green Valley

X Jan Collins - CT Horse Council

X Bob Dickinson – Appalachian Mountain Club

X Bruce Donald – President of Farmington Valley Heritage Trails Council

X Tracy Gionfriddo - Northeast Utilities – acting Secretary

David Gumbart – Town of Killingworth; The Nature Conservancy; CT Forest & Park Assoc.

X Joe Hickey - CT Forest & Park Assoc.

X William D. O'Neill - East Coast Greenway Alliance

X Mark Paquette (chair) - Executive Director WINCOG

Jason Vincent – Norwich Community Development Authority

X Laurie Giannotti (DEEP Liaison) - Ex-Officio Member

X (on phone) Katherine Rattan (DOT Non-Motorized Transportation Coordinator) - Ex-Officio Member

Guests:

Mark Paquette called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

1. Chairman's report (Mark):

- a. Minutes from September discussed, and approved with edits.

2. Correspondence

- a. New members (will be discussed later in the meeting)

3. Ct. Department of Transportation & Bike Ped Advisory Committee Update: (Kate Rattan):

- a. Movement on hop river trail project, proposal gotten mixed reviews,
- b. Merritt parkway taking a long time, feasibility study being thorough due to NEPA issues, public outreach will be scheduled...check website
- c. VHB consultant speaker at Farming Valley Trail meeting
- d. Bus line will also have greenway and connections will be made better. On a town by town basis.
- e. No news on East Hartford gap.

- f. Bike ped committee is still working on their report. Will be asking us for input. Kate will facilitate.

4. Legislative report

- a. Nothing

5. Old Business

- a. Consolidation of CROG agencies and other regional agencies. Redesignate new MPO's. Impacts to transportation funds, probably less to for trails.
- b. License plates, waiting for answer if money on license plates as to whether or not buying plate now will have money going to Greenways

6. New Business

- a. New members. Bruce Donald and Jason Vincent need approval from politicians.
- b. Bruce updated council on work being done on the Heritage Trail
- c. Updates being explored for using more electronic media (links on maps, GPS, etc)
- d. Marketing plan for the airline trail. Video. Draft plan being developed now. Resurfacing projects from MA border running south.
- e. Bill – if money is coming from the license plates, can it be used for displays at car dealerships?
- f. Rec trails – 2012 money still on hold waiting for historic preservation review, want to be able to release 2013 and 2014 monies by spring
- g. Naugatuck River Valley Trail – road in state forest was re-opened.
- h. Shoreline River Trail – COG has pulled towns together to plan to bring the trail west.
- i. Mark announced that the January meeting will be his last. We will need to find another chair.

7. Next meeting: At NU, January 13th at 9:30 AM .

8. meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM