



## **Minutes of the CT Greenways Council Meeting 1/13/14**

Council Members (X In attendance)

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

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

X 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

X 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 9:34 AM.

### **1. Chairman's report (Mark):**

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

### **2. Correspondence**

- a. Laurie working on Bruce's appointment

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

- a. Bike ped committee is still working on their report. Kate is tentative with presentation of 20 year plan. Inclusive of non-motorized use.
- b. Nothing moving on other greenways
- c. DOT unit working on bike racks
- d. Bolton Notch meeting and update
- e. Nothing scheduled for Merritt Parkway

#### **4. Legislative report**

- a. See license plates below

#### **5. Old Business**

- a. License plates: still waiting for answer if money on license plates as to whether or not buying plate now will have money going to Greenways. Bill will continue to call the commissioner's office.
- b. CEQ report and recommendations.
  - i. Laurie will send around.
  - ii. Link: <http://www.ct.gov/ceq/site/default.asp>

#### **6. New Business**

- a. New Council President: Mark will speak with Jan. Also need to make sure that all members get approved.
- b. Consider continuation of Council and goals.
- c. Are allotments to greenways being made (funding for rec trails)? Laurie: more creative use of the funds to get it used and projects moving.
- d. Review GC Plan (7/12): no changes
- e. Greenways Day: beginning planning. No one has offered to host. Laurie will approach Goodwin College. Will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Bill: trails map for East Coast Greenways map of this area is being revised and updated.
- g. Farmington River Trail map/guide also being worked on. Looking for funding.
- h. Discussion of Federal funding going forward.
- i. Council supports Bolton Notch closure project. Bill will bring comments to meeting of that group. Approved.

**7. Next meeting:** At NU, March 10 at 9:30 AM .

**8. meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM**