



Minutes of the CT Greenways Council Meeting 8/13/13

Council Members (X In attendance)

(via phone) Lois Bruinooge - Deputy Executive Director, The Last Green Valley

X Jan Collins - CT Horse Council

X Tracy Gionfriddo - Northeast Utilities – acting Secretary

Barbara Pfister Greenbaum - Tolland, CT

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

X Joe Hickey - CT Forest & Park Assoc.

X Mark Paquette (chair) - Executive Director WINCOG

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

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

Bob Dickinson – Appalachian Mountain Club

William D. O’Neill - East Coast Greenway Alliance

Lisa Fernandez - Farmington Canal Rail to Trail Association

Guests: Steve Mitchell, Mitchell’s Auto Group

Mark Paquette called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

1. Chairman’s report (Mark):

- a. Minutes from May discussed, and approved.

2. Correspondence

- a. Will be covered under Old Business.

3. Ct. Department of Transportation & Bike Ped Advisory Committee Update: (David Head): agenda item deferred.

- a. David Head was invited, but did not attend.

4. Legislative report

- a. none

5. Old Business

- a. Restoration of License Plate fees (see new business below)

- b. ECG ride with Comm. Esty report: Report by Steve Mitchell. Gaps are being closed in Cheshire, Plainville. DOT working on design. Outstanding legal issues for some purchases/easements. Between 20 and 40 people on ride and a wonderful ride.
- c. 634 license plates have been sold since 2010 when the monies have been taken away. That is about 19K money. Gets us closer to being able to give out grants again (need 50K).
- d. Discussion of draft license plate brochure: comments
 - i. Tie in with other sponsors. Don't want it to be made specific.
 - ii. Ask Jason again about the printing philosophy.

6. New Business

- a. PA 09-154 (attached) Discussion of utilization of 1% for bike-ped.
 - i. Do we know how much money we are talking about? IS it worthwhile to remind municipalities that this money is available?
 - ii. Is this based on projects? A set aside for new/separate projects?
 - iii. Source of funding? Is local included?
 - iv. Need to get clarification for DOT
- b. How will we handle delivery of awards to Hartford Mayor and Sen. Blumenthal
 - i. Laurie will set up meetings with each of them.
- c. Review of Greenways Council membership
 - i. Vacancies
 - ii. Need to have Gov. re-appoint
 - iii. Will send out letter to members to determine on-going interest

7. Next meeting: September 16th. At NU, 9:30 AM .

8. meeting adjourned at 10:45.