



Minutes of the CT Greenways Council Meeting 9/30/13

Council Members (X In attendance)

X 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

Laurie Giannotti (DEEP Liaison) - Ex-Officio Member

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

X Bob Dickinson – Appalachian Mountain Club

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

Lisa Fernandez - Farmington Canal Rail to Trail Association

Guests:

Mark Paquette called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

1. Chairman's report (Mark):

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

2. Correspondence

- a. Dave Kozac of Menunketsuck greenway protection pending with US Fish and Wildlife
- b. Doug Smith, Hockanum river committee re: rec trails project
- c. Alex Carmen, SWRPA, state wide trails discussion

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

- a. Staff changes at DOT discussed
- b. Funding process on website
- c. Bridgeport and Stamford interface on Ash Creek report out
- d. Bike Ped committee - new members, putting together annual report, DMV inclusion of interface with motor vehicles.

- e. Bob – status of South Windsor projects. Kate: on review of DOT. Sullivan St – are they being reviewed using design guide? Kate: yes
- f. Mark: DOT working well on plan for trail surface renovation from Windham out to Putnum. Also, closed on easement for missing link in Putnum.
- g. Bob: funding for River project in light of money being spent to fix golf courses. Kate: expansion of bike lanes and pedestrian walkways.

4. Legislative report

- a. Moved to old business

5. Old Business

- a. Restoration of License Plate fees: Laurie asked DEEP legislative rep but has not heard back. Bill: should we go to Commissioner's office?
- b. Discussion of draft license plate brochure:
 - Printing is about 1K, sponsorship can be sold, cross-partnering
 - Bill: need to have solicitation approved and printed.
 - Text should be condensed. More photos
- c. Funding of bike ped. Locals work with regions for allotments
- d. New Members: Agreed that Laurie should take LF off council and put on Bruce and Jason.
- e. RTP project: 2012 project approved. Many proposals moved to 2013 because of unresolved historical/cultural issues.

6. New Business

- a. Promotional rides: politicians and others there. Assist our agenda.
- b. Airline Trail will have marketing segment. 5 minutes.
- c. Awards to Blumenthal and Mayor still on hold.
- d. Use of trails for economic stimulus.
- e. Walktober brochures . Quinnepaug and Willimantic Paddle guides

7. Next meeting: At NU, Nov. 18th 9:30 AM .

8. meeting adjourned at 10:15