



Minutes of the CT Greenways Council Meeting 9/8/14

Council Members (X In attendance)

X Lois Bruinooge - 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

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

X Joe Hickey - CT Forest & Park Assoc.

William D. O’Neill - East Coast Greenway Alliance

Lisa Fernandez – Farmington River

Jason Vincent – Norwich Community Development Authority

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

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

Steve Mitchell – Mitchell Auto Group

There was no quorum. The following information is offered for information purposes only.

Discussion of Tariffville connection in the Bloomfield/Windsor area. Different options. Laurie will send maps to interested members.

Possibility of Council taking stand for rail with trail and surrounding liability issues. This could be a priority issue for the Council. Discussion of finding politician to further our issues.

Letter to DOT regarding estimate of Merrit Park trailway. Start in pieces and with connections.

Continuance of rec trails program (TA funds) to May 2015. Laurie will send information on the senate bills for 6 year reauthorization.

Handouts: Walktober for Green Valley. CT State Parks A Centennial Overview

Letter in support of DOT looking favorably using culvert under Rte 2 to provide continuous/safe route for the Shenipsit Trail.

Think about what is in the 5 year plan that was sent out. This will be part of discussion at the November mtg. Please make sure to address what the duties of the Council are and the Help Center. Possible staff.

Please see handouts a and b from the meeting.