

In person:

Bruce
Laurie G
Joe Hickey
Rista
Eric Sanderson
Bill O.
Anna B. DOT/intermodal
Michelle Eckman - Audubon
Bob Dickenson
Andrea Drabicki., VHB/acting secretary
Jim Kulpa - VHB, DOT Liaison

Phone:

Lois B. Last Green Valley, Ex. Dir
Stacey Stearns - Horse Council
Jamie Litner - Eversource

Called to order at 9:41am

Motion made by Joe Hickey
Second motion made: Bill O'Neil
Council approves 9/12/2016 minutes - unanimous

Chairman's Report

East Coast Greenway Alliance Annual Meeting
25 years old this fall
Bruce: Talked about the following ECG alignments in progress or completed
Cheshire
Willimantic
Quinebaug River Trail
Charter Oak Trail - December: Committee will designate East Hartford alignment

Bike Walk CT New Executive Director - Adina Giannelli
Farmington Valley Trails Council- New President - Barbara Collins

Plainville - Gap Closure Trail Study

Bruce: Talks about upcoming public info meetings & public workshops
Public Info: December 13, 2016
Location: Plainville High School Cafeteria 47 Robert Holcomb Way Plainville

Public Workshops: January 23-26, 2017 Plainville & New Britain

Andrea gives an overview of the Gap Closure Trail Study objectives are to 1) close the gap, 2) determine alternative alignment routes in the event the rail road right-of-way is not a viable option. The alignment process is determined through a ranking and weighting based on input from the public from previous workshops held in October 2016 and upcoming public workshops in January 2017

East Hartford - Charter Oak Greenway

Gap still exists: United Tech/Pratt and Whitney is placing a building where the trail is supposed to go
Existing built trail now terminates to nothing

Laurie asks will UTC pay the greenways council back because the trail cannot be accessed by the public.
The trail was part of the original deal with Cabela's for development of the sporting goods store
Bruce discusses several alternative routes that could be considered

UTC/Pratt has a cycling club

MEETINGS

Statewide Bike Pedestrian Plan Update

West Hartford 11/14

New Haven 11/15

Willimantic 11/29

Fairfield 11/30

http://www.ctbikepedplan.org/public_meetings.html

Bolton

Wednesday, November 16, Senior Citizens Hall 7pm

104 Notch Road, Bolton

DOT presenting new Bolton plan for the bridge

Community Support/Public Information Meeting

EVENTS

Farmington Valley Trails Council Annual Dinner - Friday, November 18 in Avon Senior Center, 6:30pm
Avon

Ribbon Cuttings:

Cheshire

Cheshire Ribbon Cutting: Phase 2

Saturday Nov 19th

Location: Jarvis Street Parking lot

Correspondence

Guilford

Greenway designation - Guilford Engineer/Director of Public Works submitted correspondence to the GC asking the council to consider a formal designation ahead of the application period Feb-March.

The designation is requested to support the town's application for funding under the Transportation Alternative block grant program - board of selectman

After much discussion, the Council agreed to write a letter of support so they can apply for TAP funding
And inviting them to re-apply in Feb 2017.

The Council agreed to update their website to allow for "letters of intent" to be submitted anytime. The hope is to encourage more well thought out and complete applications during the regular application period.

CT DOT & Bike/Ped Advisory Comm. –

CT is the only state without Bike/Ped coordinator

Melanie Zimyeski for DOT = Transportation Supervisor now Intertirm Bike/Ped corrindator

Kevin Tedesco - Interim Bike/Ped Coordinator, left for another job

Bike Ped Update Plan - Anna B.

Anna updates the council about the Bike/Ped Plan

Wraps Winter of 2017

Went out to the Regions -9 meetings

Draft report upcoming

The format of the associated map was discussed. The GC encourages an interactive and living map format.

Bill O.: Bike lockers will there be an adoption of these

Anna - The DOT doesn't think it will be interested in funding and maintaining bike shelters

Andrea asks Anna:

Can the towns designate their own bike/ped designation routes?

Anna:Yes. The public can voice.

Even if towns did not formally report existing or popular bike/ped routes

DOT looking to set up the following:

Complete streets steering committee

Supplemental - Bike/Ped guidance manual

Community Connectivity - 70 communities finished 10 more to go this FY year (continuance)

Legislative Report

Nothing new to report

Old Business –

- Identification of Secretary for GC
 - Andrea Drabicki, acting secretary
- CT Trails Symposium 2016 – wrap up and consider 2017
 - Laurie:
 - Statistics from Event Brite
 - 51 people registered/ 47 attended
 - 50% reponded to online survey
 - Presentations - good scores
 - Panel discussion – least popular
 - Location good MCxx
 - Length was right

100% would come again
Bruce - early in the year discuss for next symposium

Do regional search of all the professional organizations and not overlapping dates
SNEPA/ASLA/Bike Ped CT/

- CT Recreational Trails Program - updates
Proposals are due December 15, 2016
Inquiries and phone calls placed to Laurie
Budget: approx. \$500,000
Left over from previous bond fund allocation
- NVCOG Trail User Survey – updates
 - Webinar on Nov 17: Counters/Volunteers
 - CT Trail Census
 - www.clear.uconn.edu/projects/ct_trail_census
- Action plan to resurrect the Greenways license plate, with a portion of proceeds going to DEEP for small Greenway projects
Talked about new graphic.

New Business –

- Greenways Council Planning for 2017
- Proposed meeting dates for 2017: **January 9**, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13

Next Meeting – VHB, proposed as January 9, 2017

Adjournment

11:26 am