

Notes of Discussions September 14, 2015

Council Members (X In attendance)

- 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 Trails Council
- X Tracy Gionfriddo - Eversource – Acting Secretary
 - Rista Malanca – Naugatuck River Greenway
 - Joe Hickey - CT Forest & Park Assoc.
- X William D. O'Neill - East Coast Greenway Alliance (on phone)
 - Michelle Eckman – CT Audubon Society
 - Jason Vincent – Norwich Community Development Authority
- X Laurie Giannotti (DEEP Liaison) - Ex-Officio Member
 - Katherine Rattan (DOT Non-Motorized Transportation Coordinator) - Ex-Officio Member
- X Steve Mitchell – Mitchell Auto Group (member not approved)

Call to Order 9:37 am by Bruce Donald. NO QUORUM. Visitors: Anna Bergeron, DOT (on behalf of Kate R.) Disconnected phone at 9:40 as no one had called in.

NOTES FROM DISCUSSIONS ONLY. NOT OFFICIAL MEETING.

Adoption of Minutes July 2015 meeting minutes held for next meeting.

Chairman's Report – Bruce Donald

- FVHT: Bridge over route 6 is being built off site. Towns will be going to DOT this week for approval for amenities.
- Cheshire sections being worked on now. Largest section (from Northern border) will begin in spring.
- Simsbury: applied for grant as part of the East Coast Greenway. Area from Griffin Line to close to Simsbury Line.
- Rec trails bonding vote coming up later this month.
- FV Trails Council: plan being reviewed. Provides for alignment with other towns and expanding to other areas.
- Vacancies. Need to have filled. Also expired terms need approvals

CT DOT & Bike/Ped Advisory Comm. – Anna B.

- Putnum Bridge: trying to allocate funds for design (\$1M) for connections. 2 year design for opening in 2019.
- Hop River Airline Trail connection: construction inspector ahead of schedule and may be done end of November.
- Old Lyme
- Bike Ped group working together.

Old Business –

- NVCOG: survey. Still would like help with volunteers. Test run on three trails later this month. This will be used to draft survey. Will do short intercept survey and information for doing detailed survey on line. Subcommittee will be helping them with issues, etc.
- Rail with Trail Liabilities issue and license plates: Bruce will be contacting Beth Bye to ask for assistance. Any barriers we can take down are important. Real vs perceived liability.
- Relay Race from Hartford to Providence.
- EC Greenway pieces to Charter Oak.

New Business

- Rec trails bonding: process is opaque. Meeting later this month. Will determine fate of the CT program. Should money become available, the plan is to give council a list of projects with ranking and scores to determine what will be funded. Does full council want to be involved in final grant awarding? Will need to meet only once a year. Special meeting for short list will be held in October but will include all members. Not a public meeting. Final voting at regular November meeting.
- Name change? Not at this time.
- By laws? Will be discussed with Tom Tyler. Published minutes?
- Hot Topic: use of e-bikes. ADA compliance. Need to be held to speed limits in sections.

Public Q&A – None

Next Meeting – Eversource, November 9, 2015

Adjournment: 11:03 AM