



Minutes of the CT Greenways Council Meeting 3/11//13

Council Members (X In attendance)

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

X Jan Collins - CT Horse Council

X Tracy Gionfriddo - Northeast Utilities – acting Secretary

X (via phone) Barbara Pfister Greenbaum - Tolland, CT

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

X Joe Hickey - CT Forest & Park Assoc.

Mark Paquette (chair) - Executive Director WINCOG

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

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: Jason Vincent, Norwich Community Development Council

Bill O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

1. Chairman's report (Bill):

- a. Minutes from January discussed, approved, and will be amended.

2. Correspondence

- a. CONNDOT: accomplishments listed by Bill
 - i. Meeting in Hartford re: Greenways
 - ii. Bolton Notch area
 - iii. Sustainable development and multi – use trails
- b. Council asked to prepare letter to CONNDOT re: two phase approach to Merrit Parkway. Laurie will send to council and Mark will sign and send out. CC: CFPA, and DEEP

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

- a. Need to get copy of bike-ped minutes going forward. Laurie will get and send around electronically.

4. Legislative report

- a. License Plates:
 - i. Requested an update from Cusanno. He responded it will not happen until the fall. Therefore cannot work on republishing brochure.
 - ii. Norwich Community Development Group – Jason will try and get work done on it pro-bono (sponsorship with agreed branding) and can recommend internet publishers. Also set up MOU for any funding.
 - iii. Will be able to place in auto dealers.

5. Old Business

- a. Merritt Parkway Trail Study: item deferred.
- b. Restoration of license plate funds (Bill): see above.

6. New Business

- a. Greenways Day – May 31st. 10AM
 - i. At Harbor, Marina property. Continental breakfast. Will have ability to have display boards
 - ii. Showcase 2 greenways in city.
 - iii. Two short walks and ferry ride. Both will be also done on Trails day.
 - iv. Kayak event – trail to be built to falls.
 - v. Rebranding event for weekend.
 - vi. Council will help with networking and getting people there (especially for kayaks)
 - vii. Official to be invited: Blumenthal, Courtney, Murphy, Malloy. Invited through City.
 - viii. Send Laurie info on nominations with info on why nominating.
 1. Will Britnelle
 2. First Selectman in Andover
- b. CT Planners Commission: provide links that can be used by Greenways and Bike Advocacy.
- c. Bill 6629 – AAC Regionalism in CT. Greenways small grant program. Laurie will send around.

7. Next meeting: May 13th at 9:30 at NU.

8. meeting adjourned at 10:29.