

**From 9/17/12**

Council Members (X In attendance)

X Lois Bruinooge - Deputy Executive Director, The Last Green Valley

X Jan Collins - CT Horse Council X Robert Dickinson - CT Bicycle Alliance

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

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

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

Lisa Fernandez - Farmington Canal Rail to Trail Association

Bob Dickinson – Appalachian Mountain Club

William D. O'Neill - East Coast Greenway Alliance

**Guests:**

**1. Chairman's Report & Acceptance of July 2012 minutes (Mark)**

- a) Mark Paquette called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.
- b) Minutes from the July 2012 meeting were accepted without change.

**2. State Plan of Conservation & Development** – discussion with guest Dan Morley, Policy Development Coordinator Office of Policy and Management, on the current revision. (OPM C & D Plan public comment period deadline is October 5, 2012.) The public draft has been released and includes previous department comments. Designed to be more meaningful to municipalities. Growth management plans/principles used to develop it. Also includes movement to benchmarks and performance indicators. Priorities for development and for conservation purposes taking into account monies that can be set to each. Accountability chain...not only dependent on the map (can go through exception process using municipal plan). Exemptions of growth related projects were discussed. Map is on the web, but not within the document. Requested better incorporation of greenways designated areas into the document and maps. Discussed projects in areas that fall into different jurisdictions and different designation (is a political process). Housing piece (urban) and transportation piece mentions greenways, but natural areas not directly addressed (also should include link to greenways map here). Complete streets program not mentioned either and should be. Lois and Kate will each write their sections and get to Mark for submission by Greenways Council.

**3. Correspondence**

- a) none

**4. Greenways Council - Strategy Development (Mark) Finalize revised document.**

- a) No additional changes or discussion
- b) Approved by vote.
- c) Will be publicized now. (ltr to Cmmr. Esty and put up on website).

- 5. Ct. Department of Transportation & Bike Ped Advisory Committee Update – (Kate Rattan)**
  - a. Bolton Notch – meeting
  - b. Merrit Parkway feasibility study, signage,
  - c. HVCEO and others to discuss US bike route. May be going for approval this spring. Will start with map and then create signage.
  - d. Mark recommended we have a joint meeting with the Bike Ped Council to discuss overlapping concerns. Request in October.
  
- 6. Legislative report**
  - a. See license plate info below
  
- 7. Old Business**
  - a) Recreation Trails Grant Program (Laurie) – federal cuts, working with advisory council and will send final list. Fiscal negotiating for being back up to funding.
  - b) Restoration of license plate funds (Mark) – nothing affirmed
  - c) EC Greenway Ride Week – successful event
  - d) Review of CT Greenways Map -- tabled
  
- 8. New Business**
  
- 9. meeting adjourned at 11:05**

## 2012 July Trail Update from K. Rattan

- CTBPAB –
- Eastern CT Trail - DEEP is conducting clearing on the Airline trail, once this is complete the DOT will review identified drainage problems
- RTP -
- Greenways Council -Awards ceremony Jun 1, see the video at [http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/show\\_info2.asp?EventID=14673](http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/show_info2.asp?EventID=14673)
- TE – DOT review still ongoing,
- American Great Outdoors – Ken Salizar was in CT for the CT Ri Blueway. Sam Gold of CNVCOG
- HDM – CS group to take over HDM update, other issues
- Merritt Parkway –
- M8 Bike Hooks MNR – new prototype has been manufactured, awaiting DOT/MNR agreement as to implementation
- ECG signage – Town agreements are in, traffic memos are going to maintenance. Towns should be implementing their signage work now.
- Bolton Notch – Ahsan will give a presentation to the CTBPAB at the upcoming meeting. DOT internal review and town public meetings will follow.
- Training Opportunity –
- Putnam Bridge – Final Design for the bridge with submission in July. The walkway project is in man hour negotiations
- Maintenance Issues –
- USBRS –New England Greenway preliminary discussion of a USBR through SWRPA, HVCEO and NWCOG.
- VIP-11' lanes - 124 in New Canaan Yes, Darien restripe not allowed due to epoxy markings, RT5 S. Windsor no due to heavy trucks, continued work on policy is needed and will be part of the CS group