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Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2011

Attending:

Jan Collins, Laurie Giannotti, Judy Beliveau, Diane Ciano, Meg Sautter, Ruth Beardsley. Guest: CT Horse Council Member Fred Masterson?

Call To Order:

The meeting was held at the Northeast Utilities Building in Berlin, CT. Meeting called to order at 6:15PM.

Review Meeting Minutes:

Mins reviewed and accepted. Motion by LG 2nd by JC.

Web page for EAC update

The website is ready to go and will launch next week.

EAC Appointment update

Ruth, Meg are still looking for help with their appointments.

Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp Update - & Multi-use Trails Map

No progress due to weather. Bruce Wilder is the project manager. A July start is expected.

Shenipsit State Forest Multi-use Trails update

These are finalized and ready to print and add to website. State Park will cost share yellow diamond markers as funds are available.

Legislative discussion

Recreational Liability law was discussed. CHC will be asking Ruth and Rep. Hovey for clarification on whether equestrians are covered. Dissatisfaction was expressed by Diane with the apparent lack of coverage for equestrians and similarly, if found to be the case, lack of support from CFFPA.

Old Business

Ruth continues to attempt to provide research into equestrian friendly trail surfaces.

New Business

- The DOTs Merritt Parkway study was discussed and the EAC will try to insure that equestrian interest are represented.
- An article in the Waterbury Republican reported that a Trail along Buttrick Rd was now for foot travel only by the Torrington Trails Committee. Laurie insured the EAC that this is in reference to a request by the Town to utilize an existing multi-use trail/forest road and was approved as such with no restrictions.

Adjournment at 8:55 pm.