

QUINNIPIAC RIVER LINEAR TRAIL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF WALLINGFORD, CT

Minutes

February 5, 2020

Home of Cathy Granucci

7:00 P.M.

Item 1 Call to Order

Regular meeting of the QRLTAC called to order at 7:12 p.m. The meeting took place in the home of Cathy Granucci in Wallingford, since the Town Hall building was locked.

Item 2 Introduction of Guests and New Members

Lufeng Zou (guest)

Item 3 Approve Minutes from January 2, 2020

Motion: Sally; Second, Larry; Motion: Passed

Item 4 Co-Chair Announcements

Cathy is pursuing the plan to create a pollinator pathway along the trail. Public Works confirmed that no pesticides have been used for at least three years. Will need to decide how to attack the knotweed, taking into consideration the DEEP guidelines for Phase 3.

Cathy suggested that we hold an event during the week of the Wallingford 350th Anniversary Celebration, probably on Wednesday, June 24 which is Business and Agriculture Day. Suggested we invite children (and parents) to plant native plant seeds along the trail and have a guided walk showing off the native plants already in existence.

Charlotte's idea for our participation in the 350th parade is to walk, bike, skateboard, etc. as a group, with our banner. Can we get a group of children to carry tree branches, making a walkway for the marchers?

The Step Up Program is due to wrap up on June 20. Cathy will check with the Coalition to find out what their plan is for the program. Suggestion was made to give a memento/medal to the 35+ participants that are still actively recording their steps.

The Record Journal has been running announcements of the brick campaign. Cathy received another order recently.

Mary announced that Tony from Milone and MacBroom has created three different scenarios to provide access to Route 150 from Fireworks Island. Because of the steep slope from the bridge up to the street, we will need to get DOT's approval to call the slope an "approach" to the trail, rather than the trail itself. If/when DOT agrees, we will present the three plans to the condo owners.

Mary said that Milone and MacBroom has been sold to a British firm, but there are no plans to change staff. Also Lori Gianotti from DEEP is leaving her position, we will need to find out who her replacement is.

Cathy asked Rob to deliver more mulch, both at Fireworks Island and at the labyrinth area.

Item 5 Town Engineer Report

No report was given as Alison Kapushinski was not present.

Item 6 Subcommittee Reports

- 1) Environmental Design: Open
- 2) Publicity / Financial: Elaine reported no changes: Balance \$4,062.37;
Corporate Balance \$11,944

Item 7 Public Q & A

None

Item 8 Other Business

Joellen announced that the Cheshire Land Trust is holding a meeting February 18, 7:00 pm at the First Congregational Church to talk about pollinator pathways.

Fred discussed the CT Forest and Park Association meeting he and Joellen attended. They are creating an app that will list every trail of 2 miles or more in length and will help to promote trail use. They are also planning a trail census. Suggestion was made to invite them to one of our meetings.

Item 9 Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Item 10 Adjournment

The QRLTAC adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Motion: Sally; Seconded, Joellen; Motion: Passed