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CO-CHAIRPERSONS:

Lynn Hoffman
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Minutes of Meeting

October 7, 2010

Wallingford Town Hall

Room 315

7:00 P.M.

Item 1: Call to Order

Regular monthly meeting of the QRLTAC was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Item 2: Introduction of Guests and New Members

Lynn was absent, Mary facilitated. David Gambino from the Eagle scouts, along with advisor Dave Holloway.

First guest is David Gambino, who presented his Eagle Project design with a sample milepost. Design will be a 4"x4" pressure treated post with rebar and vinyl coated. Tim suggested that the point where the vinyl meets the post be sealed with silicone, and the part that goes into the ground should be skim-coated with bondo.

Holes will be dug using a power auger, CBYD will be required. Public Works desires that posts are eight feet off the trail for mowing purposes. Tim suggested a tan or off-white vinyl. Mile indicators signs will be made TBD.

Posts will be every tenth of a mile, starting at the entrance by Hall Avenue, as voted 5-3.

David should speak with Henry McCully & John Gawlek to describe the plan

Additional Guests

Charity Use of the trail Heather & Michael Westbrook were introduced and discussed Colin's Crew, a benefit to raise money for a child stricken with leukemia. A casual walk between 9:00 & noon on the QRLT, Engine Company 7 will bring a truck, face painting, scavenger hunt. Expected turnout is approximately 100 people.

The Westbrooks will consider the possibly use of the back entrance off North Plains Industrial to set up a table near the pedestrian bridge. There is a combination lock, with a fire lock box, but John Thompson will unlock the gate.

Item 3: Approve & Accept Previous Minutes

Motion: Tim, Second: Lois, Motion: Passed

Item 4: Co-chair Announcements

Mary discussed the minutes from the meeting with Henry & the Mayor:

Henry noted Park & Rec agreed to replace Lynn's memorial willow tree. But isolated memorial trees should not be placed in the meadows, and he suggested that trees be planted outside of the mowing area. Henry also noted that the sediment was power-hosed from one of the concrete pipes, but the bridge is silt built up ~3 feet still.

The vagrant camp was not located by the WPWD, Jonathan offered to show Public Works exactly where it is located. Cathy noted that there were two people that used the stone dust jogging path.

Action Item: Jonathan ~~will arrange with Henry to locate the homeless encampment.~~ **Done.**

Bollards have not yet been painted, and Public Works made the initial suggestion that the bollards be replaced at the cost to the QRLT. John reiterated that they only need painting.

John presented a list of suggestions for reduced maintenance items that Public Works requested for Phase III, all of which were accepted by the QRLTAC.

It was suggested that there be a volunteer landscaping on November 6, 2010. Police Station needs to be notified there will be a vehicle on the trail, and a request for additional stone dust from Public Works to apply the Labyrinth.

Lois suggested that proper acknowledgement of folks that donate money. Also, a plaque was requested be placed on one of the benches with the text "*With loving memory of Phil Hammel*" as requested by Diane Hoffman. Lois noted that the Pond Hill bench should be maintained, and thresholds of recommendations for acknowledgement. Tim suggested that we simply buy a plaque for this one request, and a sub-committee be formed to set rules & guidelines for future donations and plaques. Lois can request plaque information from Tim Keough and will report at the next meeting.

Cathy noted that West Haven has many well-maintained memorial trees and benches, and litter is kept to a minimum. The sofa benches are too deep for people to sit on, perhaps a different style of bench that would be more amenable to benches. Meriden uses wrought iron benches.

Mary asked DEP to expedite the approvals to allow Phase III to go out to bid in the winter of 2011.

Item 5: Report by John Thompson, Town Engineer

John meet with DEP and DOT Tuesday October 12, 2010 to see if they can resolve the issues regarding the easement and access for equipment needed for Phase III construction.

A river fisherman was on Fireworks Island noted that there were No Trespassing, No Fishing, No Dogs, No Parking signs, the fisherman was confronted by YOTG folks. The signs were removed, an Inland Wetland permit was sent, for Phase III, will be submitted to the IWWC in November.

Senior Center contacted John about a canoe launch, multiple funding options and grants are available, the work could be folded into the Senior Center Connection Project.

Item 6: Subcommittee Reports

1. Environmental Design and Engineering: Lois Doherty

2. Publicity & Petty Cash Fund: Cathy Granucci / Elaine Doherty:

Petty Cash: \$1,766.60 (added \$500 from the 501(c)3 refunds, \$500 donation from the New Haven County Sheriff's Association and \$457.85 from Celebrate Wallingford)

Sunshine Fund: \$118.60 (no changes)

Donate \$25 from the sunshine fund in Lil Blake's name to the Wallingford Emergency Shelter. and also do some kind of memorial on Phase III trail.

3. Grants and Applications: Mary Mushinsky

Mary spoke to Rosa's office regarding the transportation application, although it is under-funded. Mary is still trying to locate \$60,000 that will replace the lost Town of Wallingford funding for planning of the Phase IV extension to the North Haven town line. The recession has caused the P&W factory development project to be placed on hold, therefore, the North Haven trail will start the next phase and build from P&W plant to Toelles Road first.

A Recreational Trails grant for 2011 will open up soon and Mary noted that Design Engineering is one of the potential uses. Once the path of Phase IV is selected, elected, obtaining the necessary land could begin. Engineering will look into "other" options for advancing this work.

Item 7: Public Question and Answer

None

Item 8: Other Business

Rock on the side of the Labyrinth is tilting; perhaps it can be corrected by either Public Works or the trail volunteer day.

Item 9: Next Regular Meeting

The November 4, 2010 meeting of the QRLTAC has been cancelled.
The next regular scheduled meeting is **December 2, 2010**.

Item 10: Adjournment

9:09 PM

Motion: Grace, Seconded: Barb; Motion: Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Judd, Secretary.