

QUINNIPIAC RIVER LINEAR TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER – A regular meeting of the QRLTAC was held Sept. 3, 2009 in room 315 of the Wlfd. Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Lynn Hoffman.

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS – Bill Cronan and Clarence Loubier were present. Johathan Judd is now a new member.

ITEM #3 – APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2009 – Tim Gallogly moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Charles Uznanski. Walt Hoffman abstained. Motion passed.

ITEM #4 – CO-CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mary Mushinsky was absent. Lynn sent around a sign up sheet for Taste of Wlfd. on Oct. 3 from 11am to 7pm and Oct. 4 from 12pm to 6pm.

ITEM #5 – REPORT BY JOHN THOMPSON – Please see enclosed report from John Thompson.

ITEM #6 – REPORT OUT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

1. ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING – LOIS DOHERTY – Lois suggested we send a letter to the Mayor and Public Works with a list of things to do on a regular basis in order to maintain the trail.
2. PUBLICITY AND PETTY CASH – ELAINE DOHERTY AND CATHY GRANUCCI – NONE
3. GRANTS/APPLICATIONS – MARY MUSHINSKY – NONE

ITEM # 7 – PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER – Paul Roy suggested an Adopt a Park program where volunteers would be responsible for helping maintain our parks.

ITEM # 8 – OTHER BUSINESS – Bill Cronan spoke about the condo's concerns and would like to have a meeting with us to talk about alternatives.

ITEM #9 – NEXT REGULAR MEETING – October 1, 2009

ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Charles Uznanski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lois Doherty. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted  
Lynn Hoffman

## STATUS REPORT TO QRLTAC

September 3, 2009

- Since our last meeting on June 4, 2009 the following Trail related activities have occurred:
  - 1) Sent memo (06/17/09) to John Gawlak (Parks & Recreation), to be forwarded to DPW, regarding Trail maintenance,
  - 2) Met with Conn DOT/MMI on July 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the Phase III final design elements, very positive meeting. Discussed the “false mermaid weed” issue and suggested alternatives. Discussed final routing and the 3 bridges,
  - 3) July 8<sup>th</sup>, received advisement from Lou Mangini (Rep. Rosa’s DeLauro’s office) that we did not receive additional Federal funds (at the house level) for the Trail in their 2009/2010 Appropriations Bill,
  - 4) Met with Mayor and Janis Small on July 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible alternative route through the Ahearn-Rogers Condo Complex. Received OK to initiate discussion with Ahearn-Rogers and owners. Reported that Lou Mangini suggested that we write to Senator Dodd and Senator Liebermann requesting Federal funds for the Trail. A letter was subsequently sent to both on August 5, 2009,
  - 5) Initiated discussions with Don Ahearn regarding possible re-routing of Trail; through their condo complex. Could save significant dollars (\$400,000 to \$600,000) if we could use their existing bridge. (As of this date, no meetings or presentations have been made) Discussions continued with Bill Kronan and Ahearn about the benefits (Long-term Maintenance of the wooden bridge; we’d build the 2<sup>nd</sup> parking lot on Fireworks Island, pay for all costs to extend the Trail through the property) and possibly provide some type of indemnification or Hold-Harmless for the revised suggested alignment,
  - 6) August 5, 2009 – Received advisement from the CT. DEP that MMI’s revised Phase III alignment on Fireworks Island was acceptable as it avoided the pockets of false mermaid weed,
  - 7) Need to discuss close-out of various “inactive” Trail Accounts,
  - 8) Need to discuss the continued lack of acceptable maintenance of the Trail and DPW’s inability or unwillingness to commit to future Trail maintenance.
  - 9) Issue of how the Trail crosses RT. 68, as it goes north, is a big issue. Mayor does not support either a tunnel under 68 at Chapel Street or an at-grade (signalized) crossing. Further analysis is needed. Will also be included in CT. Route 68 Corridor Study being sponsored by the SCRCOG,
  - 10) Need to discuss and decide whether we go north (towards Meriden) or south (towards North Haven).