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Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2019

9:30 AM to 10:30AM,

VHB, Inc. offices, 100 Great Meadow Road Suite 200, in Wethersfield, CT.

Council Members present:

Bob Dickinson, Joe Hickey, Jamie Lintner Bill O'Neill, Bruce Donald, Laurie Giannotti

Members of the Public Present:

Matt House – COREC
Paula Burton – WCOG; CT NEMBA
Charlie Taney - NRVV

Members of the Public on the Phone:

Richard Lutz – Rocky Hill Resident
Laura Brown – UConn Extension
Kate Rattan - SECCOG
Delia Fey – NECCOG
Tim Malone - CRCOG

Call to Order 9:36

Acceptance or Revisions to Agenda – accepted.

Adoption of Minutes – March minutes approved. Joe Hickey/Bill O'Neill

Chairman's Report – Bike-ped funding for DOT still pending.

Bike-Walk CT is considering development of a statewide "clearing house". Discussion of potential details which are at this time unknown.

Tim Malone reported that CRCOG got a Public Health grant (18 month duration) and will be setting up a statewide active transportation committee. Grant items include training and demonstration project. PATHS (people accessing trails for health and sustainability) group set up through UCONN have set up a statewide list serve.

Rails to Trails Conservancy has a good discussion group.

Joe Hickey asked for clarification of the role of the CGC (see legislation below).

Correspondence nothing to report

DOT Update – no report was provided. Notes from the DOT Bike Ped Advisory Committee were sent to CGC from Sandy Fry.

Legislative Report – CRTP (proposed bill #7157) on its way to finance committee \$4million is the current recommendation.

Greenways Plate – still alive.

Old Business –

- Greenways Day 2019 – Simsbury offered to host. Details to follow.
- Awards nominations are due by April 26. A few were suggested but will not be considered until write-ups are submitted to Laurie.

Public Comments – none.

Next Meeting – Monday May 13

Adjournment 10:45 AM

The remaining 2019 meeting dates are:

May 13

June 10

July 8

August – no meeting

September 9

October 15

November 12

December – no meeting

Event Dates:

May 31 - CT Greenways Day

October 24 - CT Trails Symposium

An appointed, volunteer board dedicated to planning and implementing greenways in Connecticut

Connecticut Greenways Council

Per CGS Sec. 23-102. **The duties of the council shall be:**

1. To **advise and assist** in the coordination of state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in voluntarily planning and **implementing a system of greenways**;
2. To operate a **greenways help center** to advise state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants;
3. To **establish criteria for designation of greenways**;
4. To maintain an **inventory of greenways** in the state which shall include the location of greenways transportation projects which have received grants under sections 23-101, 32-6a, 32-9qq and 32-328;
5. To **advise the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development** on the distribution of grants for greenways transportation projects pursuant to sections 32-6a, 32- 9qq and 32-328; and
6. To **advise the Commissioner of Environmental Protection** on the distribution of grants pursuant to section 23-101.