



Connecticut Greenways Council

Minutes of Meeting

October 17, 2023

Via Teams

A regular meeting of the CT Greenways Council was held Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 via Teams. The agenda was published on the website and invitees prior to the meeting. The October meeting link details, September minutes and October agenda were sent to the invitation list by Kim Bradley the day prior.

Present were council members: Bruce Donald (Chair), Rista Malanca, Lois Bruinooge, Paula Burton, Stacey Stearns, Bob Dickinson and Ex-Officio member Kim Bradley.

Guests attending were: Nicholas Velseboer, Norm Berg, Martha Conneely, Christopher Roberts, Jay Annis, Jeremy Hall, Aaron Budris, Delia Fey, Kyle Casiglio, Kate Rattan, Zbigniew Grabowski.

- **Call to Order**

Bruce Donald (BD) established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:04. Audio recording was started at 9:09.

- **Adoption of minutes.**

1. Motion to accept by Rista Malanca (RM), and Paula Burton (PB) seconded.
2. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Chairman's Report** – Bruce Donald (BD)

1. Projects:
 - a. Bond Commission released \$10 million for the next Recreational Grant Round.
 - b. FCHT – New Haven. Canal St. from Yale to Orange St. has been delayed.
 - c. Tariffville/Hartford connection Phase 1 now paved. Almost done.
 - i. Will connect with ECG into Bloomfield.
 - d. Moosup Valley Trail, Plainfield to Sterling in progress, DEEP is receiving updates of progress.
2. Introduction to Jeremy Hall – New Assistant Director of State Parks
 - a. Came from East Hampton – Director of Recreational Department
 - b. Oversees operation of State Parks, policy changes, etc.

- **CTDOT** – Chris Roberts (CR) from CTDOT, Anna Bergeron is away.

1. Three quick build projects were installed in Waterbury, Bristol and uh Middletown.
2. Kickoff meeting planned for the study for the Portland to Farmington Gap from the Air Line State Park trail.

- **OLD Business**

3. Trail Symposium Recap [Connecticut Trail Symposium | Connecticut Trails \(uconn.edu\)](#)
Rista Malanca (RM).
 - a. Partnered with Town of Torrington
 - b. 4-day event Oct 10th-13th was a Success
 - i. Tuesday – Film fest \$25 at Warner Theatre
 - ii. Wednesday – Mobile clinics. Combination of self-guided and instructor led. - would like to continue to offer these events
 - iii. Thursday – “Why we walk’ documentary.
 - iv. Friday – Symposium with multiple sessions/speakers/sponsors/tables.
– Over 100 attendees
 - v. Survey out collecting feedback and ideas for the conference.
4. SCORP (KB)
 - a. In progress, KB will check on schedule but believes draft SCORP is due by tge end of the year.
5. CRT (KB)
 - c. The majority of contracts are complete or sent.
 - i. Final reviews for others are being done.
 - ii. Should be out by October using the new template.
 - d. Anticipated timeframe December RFP announcement, due early March 2024.
6. Trail Census/Trail Finder – Aaron Budris (AB)
 - e. New data/dashboard has been published and is live!
 - f. Trail finder working with Land Trusts to get into trail finder.
 - g. Attending and presenting at CACIWC Symposium.
7. Greenway Trails Fund – License program.
 - h. KB update on DOT sweep of \$
 - i. Rack cards for the Symposium
8. Communications Plan for this CGC. BD
 - j. Need to get in motion.
 - k. KB indicated there may be a new State Parks website has launched.
 - l. **ACTION**: Form subcommittee.

NEW Business/Public Comments – BD

1. Woodbridge Greenway Expansion – Nomination.
 - o Reviewed materials, will vote next meeting.

Next meeting will be November 14, 2023. KB will update invite and calendars.

BD adjourned the meeting at 10:20.

Submitted by Kim Bradley