

Town of Vernon
Hockanum River Linear Park Committee

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Minutes – June 4, 2010

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Present: Members: Ginny Gingras, Don Bellingham, George Arthur, Sonoko Fagan, Ann Letendre;
Advisor: Bruce Dinnie

The meeting was held at the Lottie Fisk Building, South St. and was called to order at 9:40 am by Ann Letendre, chairperson.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 26 were approved as drafted. Motion by Don, second by George.

2. Old Business

A. Hockanum River Trail Reports

- a. Don Bellingham, Trail Manager – See Bellingham report.
- b. George Arthur (Parks & Rec activity) – See Arthur report.

B. Hockanum River Parks & Parking Areas – Review of Needs

- **Dart Hill South** – Bruce reported that discussions continue between the Town and the adjoining business related to storage of materials in their yard.
- **Dart Hill North** – no report
- **Walgreen Corner** – no report
- **Saxony Mill Park** – no report
- **Paper Mill Park** – no report
- **Tankerhoosen Dam Park** – no report
- **Other Parking Areas** – No report

C. New Parks and Trails – Status

- A. **Vernon Marsh** – The parking lot has been completed; Jeff Carlson will provide a quote for constructing a kiosk.
- B. **Franklin St** – no new report
- C. **Lyman to Pleasant St Pleasant St to Courthouse One** – no new report
- D. **Downtown Rockville Trail** – Bruce reported some work has been initiated in the West Main St. Playground; fence is being replaced; the corner of the empty lot owned by the Kosciusko Club will be recovered w/ bricks and plantings.

D. Grant Status

- A. **Vernon Marsh** – DEP contract is fully executed, project is in progress
- B. **Downtown Rockville Trail** – DEP contract is fully executed, project is in progress

E. River Protection: Actions, Public Education –

- A. **Conservation Commission Aquatic Invasive Removal – July 24th** - Ann reported that Tom Ouelette of the CC has organized a workshop on identification of the invasives, and a streamwalk removal of the fanwort and milfoil in the Tankerhoosen River

3. New Business

- A. **Dart Hill Trail Dedication Ceremony** – Bruce reported that it was a successful event, attended by three Town Council persons and Claire Janowski. Good newspaper coverage. Laurie Giannotti from DEP was present.
- B. **DEP Request for Cost to Complete for HRLP Master Plan** - Ann reported that Laurie had asked for a cost-to-complete of the entire Hockanum River Master Plan. George had emailed the list of property owners. Difficult ones are one house on Pleasantview, two Giulietti properties. We will try to retain Amy Paterson to put easements in place. Ann will ask Jim Luddeke if there is any remaining funding that Tom Joyce had once put in place for attorney fees for HRLP trail development. The Rec. Trails grant deadline is September 1st. – Bruce reported that he obtained a quote for \$150,000 for a boardwalk.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am, motion by Arthur, second by Bellingham.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Letendre, Chairperson