

Town of Vernon  
**Hockanum River Linear Park Committee**

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**Minutes – July 22, 2011**

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**Present:** Members: Joe King, Ann Letendre, George Arthur  
Staff: 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 May 27, 2011 meeting were approved. Motion by King, second by Arthur.

**2. Old Business**

**A. Vernon-Ellington Marsh Trail Grant Project**

- a. Two vistas and benches, stairway completed by George and Joe. George is working on the IWC application for the kayak docks

**B. Hockanum Trail Reports**

- a. Don Bellingham, Vernon Greenways Volunteers Report, attached
- b. George Arthur (Parks & Rec activity) – See Arthur report, attached

**C. Hockanum River Parks & Parking Areas – Review of Needs** refer to Bellingham and Arthur reports attached for work completed:

- Dart Hill South and Dart Hill North
- Walgreen Corner
- Saxony Mill Park
- Paper Mill Park
- Tankerhoosen Dam Park
- Franklin St
- Other Parking Areas

**D. New Parks and Trails – Status (refer to attached reports)**

- a. Vernon Marsh
- b. Lyman to Pleasant St to Courthouse One

**E. New Grant Applications**

- a. Bridge - Vernon Marsh (see above)
- b. Dart Hill Park – playscape replacement – no discussion
- c. Pleasantview Marsh (Lyman to Courthouse) Ann reported that Laurie would like inputs by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. The grant will be submitted for a both the bridge at Ellington marsh, and a boardwalk at Pleasantview. Additional funds will be included for purchasing rights to needed parcels. Ann has talked to two companies regarding elevated boardwalk costs, but they are prohibitive. Alternatives will be looked into. George will help with bridge and boardwalk specs. At this point \$150,000 is the estimated available amount, per Laurie Giannotti at DEP.

**F. River Protection: Actions, Public Education** – See Arthur report regarding hikes

**3. New Business**

**RDA Collaboration on Mill Pond Park and Falls Lighting** – Ann reported that a consultant has been hired to create a plan for the overlook; the brush will be cleared August-September; approval from Mr. Fromson for work on Anocoil property still pending.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am, motion by George, second by Joe.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Letendre, Chairperson