

Town of Vernon  
**Hockanum River Linear Park Committee**  
**Minutes – November 19, 2014**

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**Present:** Members: Ann Letendre, Ginny Gingras, George Arthur;  
Bruce Dinnie, Staff Advisor. Don Bellingham, VGV; Meeting at 120 South St, Lottie Fisk Building.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Chairman Ann Letendre.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of September 26, 2014 meeting were approved. Motion by Gingras, second by Arthur.

**2. Old Business**

**A. Hockanum River Trail Reports**

- a. Refer to Arthur and Bellingham reports (attached) for details

**B. Review of needs – Hockanum River Parks and Parking Areas**

- a. Dart Hill South to Lyman Bridge – Tracy Gorecki and George removed the burning bush near the entrance
- b. Dart Hill North to WPCA – OK
- c. Walgreen Corner – OK
- d. Saxony Mill Park – OK
- e. Paper Mill Corner Park – OK
- f. West Main St – OK
- g. Tankerhoosen Dam (Phoenix St) – OK
- h. Other parking areas – no activity

**C. Current Projects – Status**

- a. Report – Rec Trails Grant for Bridge and Boardwalk:  
Bridge: Bruce and Jay Silva visited the Windsorville Rd site for the bridge to evaluate possibilities for a cheaper alternative to a crossing, such as a rope bridge. They also went to the Lyman Bridge site to evaluate the condition of the cement bridge as a walking bridge. Jay will get back in touch with Bruce with recommendations.  
Boardwalk at Pleasantview: Bruce and George will walk the site next week to assess where boardwalk would be located and type of boardwalk needed. Ann will ask Matt Bordeaux of Manchester about the boardwalk costs, contractor at Laurel Marsh.

**D. Potential Projects and New Grant Applications –**

- 1. Blueways – Bruce and Jerry Kinsman will try to contact Cliff Chapman to see if they can use his equipment to remove some logs on the river at Hockanum Mansions. Further Blueways cleanup will continue in the spring.
- 2. Rockville Heritage Trail Extension – Talcott Park – no discussion

- E. River Protection: Actions, Public Education – Ann reported that the annual RBV macroinvertebrate testing in the Tankerhoosen, now organized by the Conservation Commission, went very well. Twelve volunteers collected data.

**3. New Business –**

- a. Ed Dresner Memorial – Rescheduled for early May, 2015.
- b. Meeting dates for 2015 were set: Jan 23, Mar 27, May 22, July 31, Sept 25, Nov 20; all at Lottie Fisk at 9:30 am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am, motion by Ginny, second by George.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Letendre, Chairperson

## VERNON GREENWAYS VOLUNTEERS REPORT

September 26, 2014 to November 19, 2014

### Mural project at Route 84 Underpass

Established working document for email updates from committee members on Sep 20. Published working document updates on Oct 4 and Oct 22.

Formal class for students at Youth Center on Oct 20 but no one showed.

On-site class conducted on Nov 8. Fifteen middle school students showed.

There will be a committee meeting on Nov 22 at the Youth Center.

### Trail Maintenance Team – October 17

Work party at 2.0 mile marker headed toward Bolton.

### End of Season Picnic at Camp Newhoca – Oct 21

Since it was the end of year 10 the post dinner presentation was a redo of year one with 2014 updates. Attended by 41 people.

### Work Group for Wild Flower Plantings on Rail Trail – Nov 5

Planted seeds at the two locations for late summer flowering.

### Appalachian Mountain Club Annual Outing – Nov 8

I joined Jon Roe in representing Vernon. I put together a binder with pictures and verbiage on VGVs for display. I brought trail maps and business cards for distribution. We spoke to several participants. Made contact with LL Bean representative for possible future sponsorship/function coordination.

## ARTHUR REPORT – HRLP

Sep 27 – Nov 19, 2014

1. We cut the invasive flaming bushes on both sides of the entrance to Dart Hill South Park. The stumps were treated with Roundup. The Park Maintainers disposed of the brush at the Transfer Station.
2. We worked many hours on the Ecker Hill Disc Golf Course, cutting trees and building Tee boxes.