

Town of Vernon
Hockanum River Linear Park Committee
Minutes – January 23, 2015

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
15 MAR 26 AM 7:58

Present: Members: Ann Letendre, Ginny Gingras, Joe King, George Arthur;

Meeting at 120 South St, Lottie Fisk Building.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 19, 2014 meeting were approved. Motion by King, 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
- b. Dart Hill North to WPCA
- c. Walgreen Corner
- d. Saxony Mill Park
- e. Paper Mill Corner Park
- f. West Main St
- g. Tankerhoosen Dam (Phoenix St)
- h. Other parking areas

No activity, winter months.

C. Current Projects – Status

a. Report – Rec Trails Grant for Bridge and Boardwalk:

We need to walk the Pleasantview are in spring to site location of the boardwalk. George went down there and said it needs some clearing first, and he will pick at it during the winter months. He also noted that the Lyman Bridge is safe as a walking bridge, but needs some minor repair. Regarding the Windsorville Bridge, Ann noted that we have a new town engineer, and we should meet with him to brief him on the project.

b. Blueways – Jerry Kinsman has halted work during the winter, but will begin in the spring.

D. Potential Projects and New Grant Applications -

a. Rockville Heritage Trail Extension – Talcott Park – no discussion

E. River Protection: Actions, Public Education - No activity

3. New Business –

a. Ed Dresner Memorial – Rescheduled for early May, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am, motion by Ginny, second by George.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Letendre, Chairperson

VERNON GREENWAYS VOLUNTEERS REPORT

November 19, 2014 to January 23, 2015

Sponsor Renewal

Renewals are scattered throughout the year but heaviest concentration is in this time frame. Of the twelve Trail Sponsors contacted ten have renewed for 2015. Of the three Project Sponsors contacted all have renewed for 2014.

Volunteer and Trail Manager Re-up

To keep membership current in January each year I ask the Trail Managers to confirm they want to continue in that capacity and Volunteers in general to reaffirm they want to continue to receive correspondence for the New Year. If I don't hear back from them by February 1, their name is removed from the mailing list. To-date I have heard back from 23 of the 43 general Volunteers population that they would like to continue to receive e-mail. A reminder will be sent one week prior to the Feb 1 term date to the 20 which have not as yet responded. Of the eleven Trail Managers notified ten have responded to-date that they will continue.

Mural Project at Route 84 Underpass

Nov 22 meeting of committee members attended by: Alan Slobodian (represents town), Sandra Justin (represents Vernon Arts Commission). Don Bellingham (represents Vernon Greenways Volunteers) and Jeff Slobodian (Lead Graffiti Artist). We were joined by new committee member Sherri Nevens (represents school system).

Mural will cover entire cement area estimated at 2,500 square feet. Jeff and Sherri will train students to do art work from the ground and Jeff will bring in graffiti artist friends to do high areas. Students will be encouraged to provide theme ideas, as well as, art work.

Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 22 to discuss adding security cameras. Project will be funded by a \$5,000 grant from Pratt & Whitney with some funds also coming from the town.

Execution expected in the spring of 2015 with dedication in the summer.

Arthur Report

November 19, 2014 to January 23, 2015

No activity during this period.