

Town of Vernon  
**Hockanum River Linear Park Committee**  
**Minutes – March 27, 2015**

**Present:** Members: Ann Letendre, Ginny Gingras, Joe King, George Arthur; Don Bellingham  
Staff: Bruce Dinnie, Director P&R; Rich Durkee

Meeting at 120 South St, Lottie Fisk Building.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Chairman Ann Letendre.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of January 23, 2014 meeting were approved. Motion by Arthur, second by King.

**2. Old Business**

**A. Hockanum River Trail Reports**

- a. Refer to Arthur and Bellingham reports (attached) for details
- b. Don reported that the Vernon Greenway Volunteers Annual Meeting will be Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Teen Center. The mural project for the tunnel under the highway is progressing; Don submitted a grant for \$5,000 to P&W, to cover costs.

**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

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No activity, winter months. Walgreen area needs clearing and cleanup; a crew will work on it in spring.

**C. Current Projects – Status**

- a. Report – Rec Trails Grant for Bridge and Boardwalk (\$175,000):  
Boardwalk: Walk in Pleasantview area will be done 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April. Ann will arrange a date online. Purpose to site location of the boardwalk. George will clear area so we can access it.  
Bridge near Windsorville Rd: Ann will set up meeting w/ Town Engineer to meet at the bridge. Ann will request a 3-year grant extension. Current end date is December, 2015.
- b. Blueways – Jerry Kinsman walked the river at Dart Hill South to Hockanum Crossing and Pleasantview Dr to assess winter damage. He took photos of the areas that need clearing.

**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 – Scheduled for Thurs May 14th, 2015. Ginny will contact Fay Dresner.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am, motion by Ginny, second by George.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Letendre, Chairperson

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## **VERNON GREENWAYS VOLUNTEERS REPORT**

**January 23, 2015 to March 27, 2015**

### Volunteer and Trail Manager Re-up

Thirty nine of the 43 general Volunteers population have reaffirmed their desire to continue in the program for 2015. Three new members have been added. Of the eleven Trail Managers notified ten have responded that they will continue.

### Mural Project at Route 84 Underpass

A meeting was held on Friday, January 23. Adding security cameras was discussed and voted down. Wording of the \$5,000 grant from Pratt & Whitney was discussed and approved.

A meeting was held on March 14 and submission of the P & W Grant was approved. Grant was submitted on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We should know from one week to four weeks if we will get the grant. Grant funds would arrive within one month of approval. Tentative start date is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Guest Speaker at St. Bernard Knights of Columbus

On March 16<sup>th</sup> I presented a program on years one and ten of the Vernon Greenways Volunteers.

## **Arthur Report**

**November 19, 2014 to January 23, 2015**

No activity during this period.