

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

**Minutes – November 18, 2016**

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

Meeting at 120 South St, Lottie Fisk Building.

(HRLP meeting called to order at 10:30 am, following the Friends HRLP meeting at 9:30 am.)

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of September 23, 2016 regular meeting; motion by Joe, second by George, approved unanimously.

**2. Old Business**

**A. Hockanum River Trail Reports**

B. Refer to Arthur and Bellingham reports (attached) for details; highlights are

**C. Review of needs – Hockanum River Parks and Parking Areas** (see Arthur and Bellingham Reports, attached)

- a. Dart Hill South to Lyman Bridge – Trail at Hockanum Mansions has been repaired and looks good, thank to Public Works and Parks & Recreation staff.
- b. Dart Hill North to WPCA OK
- c. Walgreen Corner OK, someone is taking care of the area
- d. Saxony Mill Park OK – need to check out trail, see if it's used; park area OK.
- e. Paper Mill Corner Park - Someone is taking care of it.
- f. West Main St - OK
- g. Tankerhoosen Dam (Phoenix St) - OK
- h. Rails to Trails – the Rockville spur still needs work; sides need to be weedwhacked; it should be 8 to 9 feet wide, but it's only about 6 feet wide. Need equipment to get in to widen it.

**D. Current Projects – Status**

**Report from Friends HRLP on Grant for Bridge and Boardwalk**

Windsorville Rd Suspended Bridge (from Friends HRLP meeting)

Permits still needed are (1) PZC special permit to work in a flood hazard area; and (2) DEEP flood management certificate. Construction is delayed until spring. No further activity.

Pleasantview to Manchester Property Easements needed

No action

Pleasantview Boardwalks

Wood guard rail fencing for the parking area will be done after the boardwalk is constructed. George spent 22 hours working on plans for the 250 ft boardwalk and the three small boardwalks. The large boardwalk will need to be done by a construction company.

On Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, the existing concrete farm bridge over the Hockanum was evaluated by volunteer engineers Dave Smith, Bob Letendre, and Gary Leavitt for structural integrity and feasibility for use as a pedestrian bridge. The bridge will connect the new Pleasantview trail section to the existing Dart Hill trail. The engineers determined that the concrete farm bridge would safely serve as a pedestrian bridge over the river and would support a simple wooden bridge four feet wide with railings on each side. George will draw up plans for the wooden bridge.

**E. Potential Projects and New Grant Applications**

- a. Rockville Heritage Trail Extension – Talcott Park – no discussion
- b. 19 Grove Street – Ann noted again that the HRLP Master Plan shows a trail going through that site, and that it will make a great urban park area; and that a landscape designer should be hired to plan the project, which we could probably do under a grant.

**F. River Protection: Actions, Public Education** - No action.

**G. Blueways Trail** – No further action, water in the river is low.

**3. New Business –**

- a. None

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am, motion by Joe, second by George.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Letendre, Chairman

VERNON GREENWAYS VOLUNTEERS REPORT  
Sep 23, 2016 to Nov 18, 2016  
*(to be reported at a later date)*

ARTHUR REPORT  
Sep 23, 2016 to Nov 18, 2016

- 1. I cleared the HRLP trail on the east bank from the Mansion bridge to the parking lot at Pleasantview. It had overgrown.
- 2. I cleared a path from Golfland under I-84 into DOT property on the north side of the highway. The DOT fence stopped me from continuing through that property to Kelly Rd. My hours were 8.5
- 3. I walked the Ellington trails with a GPS and provided the GIS shapefiles to their mapping contractor. The Mapgeo concept is being applied to Ellington. 44 hrs.
- 4. I worked on the plans for the Mansion bridge and the Pleasantview boardwalk. 22 hrs.