

Town of Vernon
Hockanum River Linear Park Committee
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Minutes – September 28, 2012

Present: Members: Joe King, Ann Letendre, George Arthur; Bruce Dinnie, Staff Advisor

The meeting was held at the Lottie Fisk Building, South St. and was called to order at 9:40 am by Ann Letendre.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 27, 2012 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. Review of needs – Hockanum River Parks and Parking Areas

- a. Refer to Arthur and Bellingham reports (attached).
- b. George notes that the Walgreen corner needs work. He suggested that we call Walgreen and that perhaps their landscaper would take care of that area. If that doesn't work, perhaps Vernon Greenway Volunteers could help. Ann will contact Walgreen.

C. Current Projects – Status

- a. Report – Friends HRLP Rec Trails Grants
Marsh grant: Tom Ouellette has completed research, design and layout for the three interpretive signs; the Friends committee will meet Oct 2nd at the site determine landscaping needs, sign placement, etc. Fencing has been installed. Ann will prepare informational sign on HRLP history for kiosk, Tom will design it and have it printed up by Blue Wave.

D. Potential Projects and New Grant Applications –

- a. Bluewater Trail: Bruce suggested that we do a canoe/kayak trail from the WTP site to Vernon Circle, with take-out at Skinner Road School and Pleasantview. George suggested that a Committee be formed to work on it. The Committee might include Mike Manfre (Bruce will call him), Joe, George; perhaps Mitch and Mark might be interested. Vernon Greenway Volunteers would also be contacted. Need chainsaw skills on the Committee; or may have to hire someone. Ann will ask Laurie if Rec Trails grants cover Bluewater trails.

- E. River Protection: Actions, Public Education – Conservation Commission is continuing work on Aquatic Invasives – Bruce noted that Paper Mill Pond is loaded w/ milfoil.

3. New Business - None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Letendre, Chairperson

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ARTHUR REPORT (P&R)
JULY 27, 2012 – SEPT 28, 2012

Joe and I worked 16 hrs clearing the trail behind Paul's Pizza, removing the vandalized bridge and removing nails and screws from the debris.

Jane Seymour, Joe and I finished the four nature walks for the Valley Falls Kids Camp in July. We also did environmental training in Belding for Skinner Rd 4th graders. Forest, field, pond and stream habitats were included.

I submitted a bill for \$625 to cover my time to design structures and to obtain approval from Vernon IWC for the bridge and dock at the WPCA Vernon marsh grant. The construction labor required 85 man-hours and was performed by experienced trail volunteers at no charge.

VERNON GREENWAYS VOLUNTEERS REPORT

July 28, 2012 to September 28, 2012

Weed Whacking - DHN Aug 1 & VCMS Aug 30
Weed Whacking Crew

Formal Work Parties on Rail Trail Plantings – Aug 2 & Aug 21
9 VGVs on Aug 2 and 12 VGV on Aug 21

Work Party for Annual Cleaning of Braille Trail – Aug 8
7 Vernon Greenways Volunteers

Add Trail Map Dispenser – Aug 7
VCMS

Graffiti Removal – Aug 3
Elm Hill Road - Repaint bench and bollards. Graffiti remover on signs.

Plant Daylilies – Sep 11 & 21
Camp Newhoca