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Hockanum River Linear Park Committee

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Present: Members: Joe King, Ann Letendre, George Arthur; Ann Letendre; Bruce Dinnie, Staff Advisor
Guest: Len Tundermann, Town Planner

The meeting was held at the Lottie Fisk Building, South St. and was called to order at 9:55 am by Chairman Ann Letendre.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September, 2012 meeting were approved. Motion by Arthur, second by King. (Note: the November meeting was cancelled).

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. Per previous meeting, Ann will contact Walgreen.

C. Current Projects – Status

- a. Report – Friends HRLP Rec Trails Grants

Marsh grant: Ann reported that the grant has been completed, signs have been installed, reports have been completed, invoices have been submitted for reimbursement from DEEP.

NFWF LID grant: Ann reported that the grant had been completed, final payments to Friends had been made; she provided a copy of the work and LID Stormwater manual prepared by consultants Fuss and O'Neill, and updated the Committee on the follow up work by the PZC Commission.

Windsorville Rd Bridge / Pleasantview Boardwalk Grant: Ann reported that the grant has been signed and is in place. She and George met with Terry McCarthy to talk about permits needed for the bridge.

- b. RDA Design Committee – Ann reported that the Falls Lighting project was completed in the fall. Mill Pond Park conceptual design work was completed via a grant; no word has been received from Mr. Fromson regarding approval to build on the property.

D. Potential Projects and New Grant Applications –

- a. Len Tundermann joined the Committee for the discussion. Two potential projects were discussed: (1) a Blue Trail (canoe/kayak trail) down the Hocknaum River. Bruce had talked to Laurie Giannotti and the program will fund Blue Trails. Ann cited the Willimantic River watershed's blue trail, and the map they have produced. Possibility of a Blue Trail for the entire length of the river was discussed. Ann will contact Manchester. (2) An exercise trail at the Church St area. Bruce said it was also eligible for funding; he provided a catalogue with the types of equipment that could be installed. The Town will be the applicant. Town Council approval needs to be obtained.

E. River Protection: Actions, Public Education – No actions discussed

3. New Business - Goals for 2013: Promote "greenways" – Tank and Hockanum greenways; sponsor more trail walks.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am, motion by George, second by Joe.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Letendre, Chairperson