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FARMINGTON CANAL COMMISSION

Minutes: The Farmington Canal Commission, Town of Hamden held a Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Bill Horowitz, Mike Johnson, Richard Weiner, Kathy Larson, Johanna Becker, David Schaefer

Commissioners Absent: Malachi Blandon, Michael Dunlap

Others in Attendance: Assistant Town Planner Dan Kops, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to Order

Mr. Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of October 1, 2013

Page 2 under Old Business, 2nd paragraph, halfway down, insert after Mr. Schaefer “had a copy of the signage” for the Commission to review.

Change Larsen to Larson in several places.

Mr. Weiner made a motion to approve the minutes of October 1st as corrected. Ms. Becker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Kops has been investigating the whereabouts of the funds targeted for repairs to the trail, using LoCIP money. He will follow up with appropriate the department at the state level. The repairs are for the drainage under Sherman Avenue and the stone dust trail. Ms. Gigliotti had agreed to chair our efforts to work with Public Works on maintenance issues. Mr. Kops and Mr. Schaefer met with Public Works Director Craig Cesare, who was of the opinion that because of the lack of heavy vehicles on the trail, the pavement would last for many years, but there are places where the roots have damaged the pavement, and edges that are breaking off. These areas need to be repaired.

Mr. Kops was pleased to report that after battling a bit with the local DOT office, the request for reimbursement for expenses dating back to last December have finally been paid, to the tune of up to \$300,000, meaning the Town has been reimbursed for everything that he has submitted.

Mr. Kops reported that netting was installed under the bridge over Treadwell Street, where rocks were falling from the bridge. This is to protect the public. The Town is responsible for this repair.

3. Phase I Update (Mt. Sanford Road to Todd Street)

Bill Horowitz mentioned that the posts at street crossings (bollards) are high and wide (handlebar height). At other areas of the trail they are smaller, as they are in other towns. He asked if there was any possibility of replacing some of them. Mr. Schaefer said we can communicate to Mr. Cesare that as we replace them that is something to consider. It would be hard to find funds to dig them up and replace them all. Mr. Horowitz said he would be interested in working with Public Works, but not until spring.

4. Phase IIA Update (Todd Street to Hamden Hills Drive)

Mr. Kops reported that the intersection at West Woods Road has not been turned over to the Town to date. The landscaping is very nice. Ms. Becker said there are still no parking warnings behind the People's Bank. Mr. Schaefer said all of the commissioners that have been on board since the beginning have memory of an agreement with the property owner to allow trail users to park on his property, but there is nothing in writing.

5. Phase IIB Update (Hamden Hills Drive to Connolly Parkway)

Ms. Larson reported that the graffiti at Connolly Parkway on the northern abutment has reappeared. Mr. Kops said he has reported this.

6. Phase III Update (Connolly Parkway to New Haven Line)

7. Old Business

8. New Business

Review 2014 Meeting Schedule

The November 2014 meeting date will be changed to Thursday, November 6th.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 2014 meeting schedule. Ms. Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Schaefer said Mrs. Stubbs passed away last week. Mr. Schaefer did some research to find the names of people who served on the commission with Campbell Stubbs and will send out an email looking for donations toward a bench in Mr. Stubbs' memory.

Ms. Tobin will try to find the paperwork on the bench that the Hamden PTA has donated.

Ms. Larson has set up a Facebook page for the Commission and will keep it updated. We have had 14 likes. This is an excellent resource for getting trail information out to the public.

Ms. Larson did some research and found a green vest with a plastic pocket where you can slide in identification. Mr. Schaefer will purchase a couple, one of each size, and bring them to the January meeting. We will order what we want at that time.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Becker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Clerk of the Commission