

MINUTES: The Farmington Canal Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 in the Third Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Johanna Becker, Kathy Larson, Malachi Blandon, Richard Weiner, David Schaefer

Commissioners Absent: Bill Horowitz, Michael Johnson, Mark Anton

1. Call to Order

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

2. Review Minutes

**Mr. Weiner made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2015. Mr. Blandon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. Report From Dan Kops

Mr. Kops contacted public works about the missing bench and found out that Mr. Torgeson had taken it back to the shop for repair.

Regarding the trail repair project, repairs have been completed behind the Stop & Shop and Home Depot, but that is all that has been done. The company (Laydon) is willing to do more but they won't warrantee the work because of the weather. When they use small batches of asphalt it cools very quickly and there is a problem with differential temperatures which cause a ripple effect when water gets into the asphalt. We have a contract to do the repairs and they will continue in the spring. The asphalt plants close soon. Mr. Schaefer said we have to let them know we are dissappointed and get a commitment from them that they will make the trail their first priority in the spring. Hiring a replacement company would not work because they would not be able to get the work done at this late date. Mr. Kops will follow up on this. Mr. Schaefer said normally there is a deadline in the contract. Mr. Kops will send Mr. Schaefer a copy of the contract for his review. Ms. Larson said they started the work behind Stoop & Shop on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Regarding the request for two benches for the same person, the person who passed away worked for Press Cuozzo. A person who was a lifelong friend of the woman asked for approval of a bench for lcation #4. Meanwhile agents from Press Cuozzo decided they wanted to dedicate a bench and chose Location #2. Mr. Kops said as soon as he realized this was two different donors, he called #4 to let her know, and she didn't call back until recently. The Legislative Council has approved one of the benches and the paperwork for the other bench is in the Mayor's Office being prepared for Legislative Council review.

Regarding the issue of a reserve for bench maintenance, Mr. Schaefer asked if we should revisit this issue at another meeting when we have more members present. Commissioners agreed.

Ms. Larson sent Mr. Schaefer photos of water on the trail behind Breugers in two areas. There was heavy rain the night before, a Thursday. The water was flowing across the trail and the grass was also flooded on both sides. The tunnel was also dripping at both ends. Mr. Schaefer went out there on the Saturday and most of the water was gone. This area is a flood plain.

Ms. Larson has noticed that people are dumping stuff along the trail. Near the house on the east side of Sanford street after the bridge, there is a sofa and other large junk including paint trays. Mr. Kops will have the Assistant Zoning Officer check it out.

Ms. Larson has been riding the trail from Connolly Parkway north and from the Diwell Avenue Medical building north, and commented on how clean the trail is. Mr. Kops said Public Works has two new pieces of equipment and take pride in keeping the trail up.

Mr. Kops also noted that Public Works will be taking care of the water problem under the Sherman Avenue bridge.

4. Phase I Update
5. Phase II A Update
6. Page II B Update
7. Phase III Update
8. Old Business
9. New Business

10. Adjournment

**There being no further business, Mr. Weiner made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk