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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 Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following topics were discussed:

Attending: Mark Anton, Johanna Becker, Bill Horowitz, Kathy Larson, David Schaefer

Absent: Malachi Blandon, Michael Johnson, Richard Weiner

Guest: Ellen Endriss, Chairman, Clean and Green Commission

Call to Order

Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:39

Chairman Schaefer invited Ms. Endriss to address the Commission. Ms. Endriss is here to help get support for the upcoming Clean and Green Commission event with Quinnipiac University students. The event is called the "Big Event" and the students volunteer their services to the Community and funds raised go to a local charity. The event will take place on Saturday April 9, 2016 and Ms. Endriss would like help from this Commission in suggesting a location and possible volunteers to help direct the students. Chairman Schaefer recommends the Farmington Canal Trail for cleanup. The students have done this before at the Canal. The recommendation is to start in the middle and work their way to each end. This can be accomplished in the three hours the students give of their time. The university is donating beverages and Hamden Public Works will be providing the bags. Ms. Larson will post this information on the Facebook page the help get residents involved to participate and volunteer.

Approval of minutes

Chairman Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2016. Ms. Larson motioned to approve the minutes with the following changes. On page 2 the 3rd paragraph the word Westwoods should be *West Woods*. In the 6th paragraph the word Planing should be *Planning*. The 7th paragraph the word Micro should be *Mikro*. Under Old Business the first line the duplicate word *the*, should be deleted. Ms. Becker seconded the motion with the changes. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Report from Dan Kops

Mr. Kops reported some damage to the fence on the Trail in back of Marne St.

He advised the Commission that the sign issue is unresolved at this time but expects a decision soon.

Ms. Larson inquired about the rules for the signs and asked where they were coming from. Mr. Kops stated the rules come from the Parks Commission. These signs are for the Farmington Canal Greenway only. Mr. Kops stated that as soon as they are ready he will send them to everyone by email.

Mr. Kops reported that as soon as it is warm the repairs to the Trail in the rear of Superior Stone will be done. Mr. Anton mentioned two areas just south of the Brooksvale entrance that need immediate attention. Mr. Kops will make note of this and advise Public Works to make sure they are on the list.

Ms. Larson mentioned and showed some photos of anti-police graffiti under the Sherman Ave. Bridge. She also note some at Town Wald Drive traveling from Shepard Ave. to Evergreen Ave. She noted that they may not have been notice while the leaves were on the trees but are very visible now. Mr. Anton will see about getting paint. Ms. Larson said she has some but will let him know what is needed.

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

Phase IIA Update (Todd Street to Hamden Hills Drive)

Ms. Larson mentioned Odie's fencing needs repair or replacing. Chairman Schaefer referred to some fencing that had been removed in one area and was to be salvaged for future use in other areas. This will be checked into.

Phase IIB Update (Hamden Hills Drive to Connolly Parkway)

Phase III Update (Connolly Parkway to New Haven Line)

Treadwell Bridge repairs have been completed. The question of the current construction of the auto parts store was raised and if there will be landscaping in the rear by the Trail. Mr. Kops stated that when all the proposed constructions are completed there will be landscaping.

Old Business

Mr. Horowitz inquired about the Remote participation. Please see New Business.

New Business

Discussion and voting on remote participation at meetings.

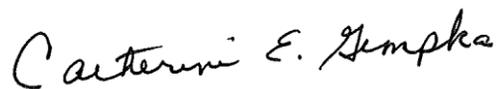
A brief discussion ensued about remote participation but the Commission agreed that Mr. Horowitz would prepare a draft of rules for direction to be discussed and/or voted on at a future meeting.

Chairman Schaefer asked if the members would mind changing the meeting date for April from the 5th to the 7th. All the members were agreeable to the request. Ms. Larson motioned to change the meeting date to Thursday April 7th, 2016, seconded by Mr. Anton. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Adjournment

At 8:20 Ms. Larson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Anton. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka
Substitute Clerk

Gerry Tobin, Clerk of the Commission