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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, September 6, 2016 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following topics were discussed:

Attending: Mark Anton, Johanna Becker, Bill Horowitz, Kathy Larson, Earon Ryan, David Schaefer, Richard Weiner, Dan Kops, Town Planner

Call to Order

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

Review Minutes

Chairman Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2016. Mr. Horowitz noted the following changes. Page 2, middle of the page paragraph starting with Mr. Horowitz said Cheshire – 3rd line should be “the Willow Street segment.” Next line should be “there is not a well-marked detour to Willow Street.” Mr. Horowitz made a motion to approve the July 20, 2016 minutes as corrected. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Schaeffer congratulated Mr. Dan Kops as he has been appointed the new Town Planner.

Report from Dan Kops

The paving and repairs are pretty much done to the rear of Bob Thomas Ford. The stone dust to be completed in the fall.

Sherman Ave. drainage will be done in the fall also.

A guard rail has been installed behind Odies Place.

The fencing behind the Artists' Housing has been repaired.

A bench requested by the Pollard Family has been installed at the Lockkeepers House.

A \$100,000 budget in Capital Repairs for the trail has been approved.

Mr. Horowitz noted that work needs to be done at Putnam and Dixwell Avenues.

Mr. Kops noted the Police Department has put cameras and call boxes in southern Hamden.

It was noted that the mile markers are still in place.

Phase I Update (Mt. Sanford Road to Todd Street) – no change.

Phase IIA Update (Todd Street to Hamden Hills Drive) – Mr. Anton commented on graffiti and painted over it at Town Walk. He noted the wooden rails do have some paint on them but that it can be removed with a power washer. Mr. Kops will contact Public Works about power washing them.

Phase IIB Update (Hamden Hills Drive to Connolly Parkway) A brief discussion ensued referring to a curb cut as it was noted that the Public Works vehicles drive over the curb. There is not a safe place to put a cut but can be reviewed at a later date.

Phase III Update (Connolly Parkway to New Haven Line) – Mr. Horowitz noted an incident he encountered on the trail. A resident had two dogs and did not have them on leashes. He pointed this out to the individual and went on his way. He addressed this a second time but the resident was not very happy and started asking for ID. Mr. Horowitz wanted to know if there is any kind of ID they could use. Mr. Schaeffer stated there is no ID available. A brief discussion ensued regarding the rules of the Trail and if some kind of bookmark type can be made available to give to individuals using the Trail in that type of situation. This can be discussed at a future meeting.

Ms. Larson provided a photo of bollards she encountered on a ride in another state. The bollards were lower which protected the mirrors she put on her bike. Mr. Horowitz asked if the bollards could be cut down. Chairman Schaeffer noted this would be a costly project if in fact they could be cut. Chairman Schaeffer noted that some new bollards are lower but will inquire if the existing ones can be cut.

Old Business – nothing at this time.

New Business

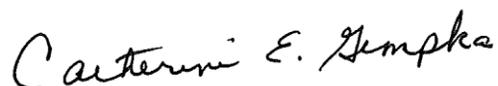
Chairman Schaeffer noted he will not be available for the October and November meetings. Mr. Horowitz will chair The October meeting and Ms. Becker will chair the November meeting.

Chairman Schaeffer inquired about the connection to Town Center and Mr. Kops stated he had no news at this time. Mr. Kops did hear that this should be done by the end of September and he will verify this.

Adjournment

At 8:05 p. m. Mr. Horowitz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Becker. Mr. Anton seconded the motion. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka
Substitute Clerk

Gerry Tobin, Clerk of the Commission