



TOWN OF HAMDEN

Town Center Park Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

The Town Center Park Commission held a meeting on Wednesday March 17, 2010 in Town Center Park at 6:00 p.m. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Matt Fitch, Jaime Allesandrine, Jay Matthews, Ann Bell

Others in Attendance: Liaison to the Mayor's Office Julie Smith, Town Planner Dan Kops, Commission Clerk Rose Lion.

WALK THROUGH TOWN CENTER PARK

The group convened at the Old Red Barn in Town Center Park and proceeded to walk along the area around and behind the barn. Ann Bell provided a Site Master Plan for Town Center Park which was prepared by Ferrero and Hixon Associates LLC (Architects and Planning), for the group to review. The group proceeded along the proposed site for the Handicap Path exploring the ground and slope characteristics and in general becoming familiar with the surroundings. The idea of the "Spur Trail" was discussed. It is a proposed trail which is to branch off the Farmington Canal Trail into Town Center Park. A ground indentation which appeared to be a dry stream was walked over and Mr. Kops termed it an "intermittant stream". It is mentioned that either asphalt or crushed stone has been discussed for certain areas. It seems obvious that any handicap or disability area would require asphalt. Commission Chaiman Mr. Fitch inquired as to whether the Spur Trail could go through Middle School Property. Mr. Kops indicated that is a "legal issue" which can be dealt with through interactions with the school board. The group eventually passed behind the Middle School and athletic fields and reached Pardee Brook. Ms. Allesandrine observed that while it is fairly clean, there was a little litter which could be attended to by including this area in environmental clean-up days. She suggested involving students. Mr. Kops and others mentioned that there is a teacher from the Middle School, Elisa Lupi, who works with students on Farmington Canal Trail clean ups. The group finished the walk back at the Old Red Barn.

Submitted by Commission Clerk, Rose Lion

Next Meeting, April 21, 7PM, Mayor's Conference Room in Government Center