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Hamden Awarded 218k Grant For Construction of Farmington Canal Spur Trail

HAMDEN – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is exceptionally pleased to announce that the Town of Hamden was recently awarded grant funding in the amount of \$218,079.10 from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Trails & Greenways Program and The CT Greenways Council. This funding will be utilizing for the construction of a “Spur Trail”, which will connect the Farmington Canal Trail and Town Center Park via a walking/biking path. Acceptance of the awarded funding was officially executed on October 3rd, 2016, and the project is expected to proceed forward with a formal procurement process in the coming months.

The “spur trail” is being constructed so that residents and visitors traveling along the Farmington Canal Trail will have an easily accessible, safe, pedestrian route directly into Hamden Town Center Park. The construction of the trail will allow local residents and travelers improved access to Town Center Park and the Farmington Canal Trail, as well as local businesses and services in the immediate area; and will encourage locals to more effectively utilize Hamden’s available pedestrian transportation routes.

Commenting on the awarded grant funding, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng said, “The construction of a “spur trail” connecting the Farmington Canal Trail and Town Center Park allows for a physical connection of the many neighborhoods of our great Town, North to South, to what has become Hamden’s true community gathering place. I offer my sincere thanks to Town Center Park Commission Chairman, Matthew Fitch, and to all

Town staff who have worked so diligently to ensure that Hamden was able to obtain funding for a project that will certainly improve our park system and encourage even more families to enjoy these amazing resources.

“Town Center Park Chairman, Matthew Fitch, commented, “This new spur trail will enhance Town Center Park’s profile as a regional attraction. Residents and visitors will be able to utilize the trail to walk to Hamden’s spring, summer, and fall events – which as we have seen are becoming bigger and better each year. I am excited to learn that Hamden has secured funding for this project, and I look forward to all of the fantastic benefits it will bring to Hamden’s residents.”

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