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Minutes: The Farmington Canal Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 via Zoom. The following topics were discussed.

Commissioners in attendance: Mr. Anton, Mr. D'Agostino, Mr. Reger, Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Cyr

Commissioners excused: Mr. Horowitz, Ms. Larson

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Maloney

Others in Attendance: Mr. Paecht, Superintendent of Parks; Ms. Tobin, Commission Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mr. Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Public Input

There was no public input

3. Review Minutes of February 7, 2023

Mr. Larson provided two corrections to the minutes. Section 4, last paragraph, Meadowbrook should be one word, and eliminate that Ms. Larson lives there.

Mr. Reger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting as corrected. Mr. D'Agostino seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Review Minutes of February 21, 2023 Special Meeting

Mr. Reger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21st special meeting of the Commission. Mr. Anton seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor, Mr. D'Agostino abstained.

4. Report From Mr. Paecht

Mr. Paecht reported that they Department was in receipt of the hardware to repair the Todd Street bridges. He said that the Department got a lot of work done on the Trail this year because there wasn't much snow. They did tree work, replaced stone dust, etc. Mr. Paecht mentioned that erosion is one of the biggest problems on the trail and a constant maintenance issue. We will make good use of the possible grant funds. Mr. Schaefer was under the impression that the grant application would have a quick turnaround.

Mr. Schaefer emailed Steven White, who reported that they are proceeding with the upgrade of the street crossings in southern Hamden with the Department of Transportation. Mr. Schaefer also mentioned that Town Planner Eugene Lipshitz ha nothing to report.

5. Old Business - Update on application for State funds to improve and maintain the Greenway

There was othing to report on the grant application. Mr. Paecht said they would make good use of the grant funds, and mentioned new bollards.

6. New Business

Mr. Schaefer mentioned that there would be a cleanup on the trail later in April by the employees of AAA who want to get more involved in Town. Mr. Schaefer put them in touch with Mr. Siciliano who will provide bags, gloves etc.

7. Review:

Phase I Update (Mt. Sanford Road to Todd Street) – nothing to report

Phase IIA Update (Todd Street to Hamden Hills Drive) – nothing to report

Phase IIB Update (Hamden Hills Drive to Connolly Parkway) -nothing to report

Phase III Update (Connolly Parkway to New Haven Line) -nothing to reported

Mr. Anton has been sending photos of the progress on the New Haven Trail, which Mr. Anton said seems to be in the final stages. Trail safety was mentioned because of the underground areas of the trail.

Mr. Cyr mentioned that the Trail cleanup by AAA will take place on April 22nd, in conjunction with the Town's Earth Day celebration. Volunteers will meet at the Hamden High School entrance. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and starts at Connolly Parkway. Volunteers will start off in both directions along the Trail.

Mr. Cyr said there was a great turnout at the Boards and Commissions Open House at Thornton Wilder Hall, Miller Memorial Library. Many people stopped at our table and said how much they loved the trail and appreciate what this Commission does. The event was an opportunity for residents to learn about our Boards and Commissions and how to get appointed to one if they are interested.

He mentioned one complaint that he received about the parking lot at Enterprise.

8. Adjournment

Mr. D'Agostino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Radcliffe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Clerk of the Commission