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Minutes: The Farmington Canal Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 via Zoom. The following topics were discussed.

Commissioners in Attendance: Mr. D'Agostino, Ms. Larson, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Cyr, Mr. Reger, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Radcliffe
Others in Attendance: Ms. Tobin

1. Call to Order

Mr. Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Public Input

There were no members of the public in attendance:

3. Review Minutes of May 2, 2023

There were several typos in the May minutes. Ms. Tobin will correct them and repost the minutes.

Mr. D'Agostino made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting as corrected. Mr. Cyr seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. Report From Mr. Siciliano

Mr. Siciliano was not in attendance:

5. Old Business

Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Radcliffe spoke with Carol Hazen and Eugene Lipshitz about the \$5,000 grant request to the DEEP, which was denied. We are waiting for feedback. There are no funding opportunities that are imminent. It is possible that we can look to earmarks, which would have a September/October timeline.

Perhaps we should speak to the Mayor over the summer. There is also another round of DEEP recreational trail grant opportunities next year. Mr. Schaefer said they got a list of certain grants the Town did receive including \$750,000 for improved trail crossings on the Farmington Canal Greenway. That one might have gone through the South Central Regional Council of Governments.

Mr. Schaefer was at a political fund raiser with a number of townspeople. The Lieutenant Governor was there touting all kinds of funding available. The grant we didn't get was from a \$9 million dollars for existing trails, future trails, etc. Mr. Schaefer will invite Mayor Garrett and her staff to our July 19th picnic meeting

The Picnic Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone should let Gerry know what they will be bringing and if they will be bringing a guest. Mr. Schaefer will bring his famous marinated steak.

Mr. Cyr reached out to the Hamden Historical Society regarding signs. He is waiting for a call back. Mr. Cyr also mentioned the area behind Superior Stone. The fence is eroded and there is lots of trash. Part of the fence covers about 2' of the trail. Mr. Schaefer said a member of the Planning Department deals with blight. We can ask him to visit the property owner to discuss the fence and overgrowth. Mr. Cyr sent photos to Mr. Schaefer and he will send them on to Mr. Lipshitz.

Mr. Schaefer has not spoken to Mr. Siciliano and is not sure where the work on the planks on the bridges stands. Mr. Reger said his wife and a friend were on the trail and told him one of the bridges was still bad and they had to get off and ride on the dirt trail. Mr. Schaefer will check with Mr. Siciliano. Mrs. Reger also reported that a member of the public mentioned he/she would like to see another porta potty on the trail. There is one at Todd Street. There is also a bathroom at the Lock Keeper's house, but the building is usually closed.

Mr. Schaefer reminded Commissioners that if they see any issues on the trail, they should take a picture and forward it to him or to Eugene Lipshitz.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Review:

Some issues on sections of the trail were discussed above.

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

Phase IIA Update (Todd Street to Hamden Hills Drive) – no comments

Phase IIB Update (Hamden Hills Drive to Connolly Parkway) – no comments

Phase III Update (Connolly Parkway to New Haven Line) – no comments

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Schaefer asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. D’Agostino so moved. Mr. Horowitz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk