



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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**MINUTES:** The Farmington Canal Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Town Attorney's Conference Room, located at 2750 Dixwell Avenue. The following topics were discussed.

1. Call to Order: At 7:32 pm, Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order.

Attendance: David Schaefer, Chairman; Lisa Maloney; Mark Anton; Bill Horowitz; Yashoda Sharma

Absent: David Radcliffe; Jess Mallory; Matthew Davis; Robert Reger

Also In Attendance: Liana Paglia, Substitute Commission Clerk

2. Review Minutes of July 21, 2021 Meeting

The July minutes posted on the website, were incorrectly labeled as "June" minutes. Chairman Schaefer asked the clerk to make the correction and redistribute the minutes to the commissioners. He chose to table the approval of the past minutes until the 10/5/21 meeting.

3. Report from Matt Davis- N/A

4. Discussion of Public Survey Results

Chairman Schaeffer reported that about 160 surveys were conducted and responses were overall positive. Due to the FOIA, Mr. Radcliffe, who aggregated the data, was unable to circulate it to commissioners. However, at the October meeting, he will be able to present some of his findings in more detail. Mr. Schaefer noted that the next step is the synthesis of the data. He noted that the routes are a point of concern. As the 2020-2021 budget was recently balanced, Ms. Maloney questioned if any additional funds were allocated for the Canal. Chairman Schaefer explained that funds were allotted for maintenance staff, but a minimal amount was allotted for actual materials. Ms. Maloney questioned the possibility of applying for federal funds. Chairman Schaefer agreed that, after synthesizing the survey data, federal options may be explored. He specifically identified "earmarks" as one possible way to secure the necessary funds. He noted that other trail repairs have been funded by this method. Chairman Schaefer also noted that if the commission chooses to opt for the "earmark" funding route, they should start making the necessary preparations (i.e. a proposal) for the upcoming fiscal year.

5. Phase I Update (Mt. Sanford Road to Todd Street)- N/A

6. Phase IIA Update (Todd Street to Hamden Hills Drive)- N/A

7. Phase IIB Update (Hamden Hills Drive to Connolly Parkway)- N/A

**8.** Phase III Update (Connolly Parkway to New Haven Line)- N/A

**9.** Old Business- N/A

**10.** New Business- N/A

**11.** Adjournment: At 7:50 pm, Ms. Maloney made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Anton. All were in favor.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Liana Paglia, Substitute Clerk