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Minutes: The Farmington Canal Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 5th, 2021 via Zoom/telephonically.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

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

Absent: Yashoda Sharma; Robert Reger; Jess Mallory

Also In Attendance: Matthew Davis; Planning and Zoning; Liana Paglia, Substitute Commission Clerk

2. Review Minutes of July 21st, 2021 and September 14th, 2021
 - a. The July minutes were corrected prior to this meeting. Ms. Maloney made a motion to approve the July 21st minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Horowitz. All were in favor.
 - b. Chairman Schaefer requested that in the September minutes, the word “routes” be changed to “roots” under agenda item #4. Mr. Horowitz made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Maloney. All were in favor.
3. Report from Matt Davis- N/A
4. Discussion of Public Survey Results (David Radcliffe)
 - a. Mr. Radcliffe reported that the public survey garnered 148 responses, and over half of those surveyed shared their contact information. He reminded commissioners that the purpose of the survey was to better understand what trail users like and what could be improved. The survey highlighted some of users’ main items of concern: trail maintenance, safety features and adherence to bike rules, and restrooms.

There was a discussion regarding how to best utilize the survey data to secure improvements to the trail. Chairman Schaefer suggested commissioners use it when speaking to political candidates to garner support for the canal. Mr. Horowitz suggested Mr. Radcliffe’s presentation be made into a narrated video to be distributed to the legislative council members. Ms. Maloney suggested categorizing the list of improvements in terms of level of necessity, along with cost estimates. Chairman Schaefer emphasized the importance of having a well thought out plan/proposal to increase the chances of the commission securing funds.

Mr. Davis suggested that commissioners examine what other towns budget for similar issues. He also noted that the Hamden Town Planner, Mr. Johnson, budgeted \$50,000 for consulting fees. Chairman Schaefer suggested a meeting with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davis to discuss the possibility of using the consulting budget to look into improving the trail. Mr. Davis said he would pursue a unit cost breakdown about some of the improvements and share the survey results with Mr. Johnson, prior to the potential meeting.

5. Phase I Update (Mt. Stanford 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 8:04 pm, Ms. Maloney made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Horowitz. All were in favor.

Please note the next meeting will take place Tuesday, November 9th, 2021.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Substitute Clerk