

**Thomaston Greenway Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2009 7pm
Town Hall – Selectmen's Conference Room**

Minutes

Members present: Marty Stammer, Maryann Martin, Mark Olsen, Gary Wilson, Sue Abbott, Peter Kisselburgh, and Pam Deziel
Also present: Sam Gold, Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley, John Monroe, National Park Service, First Selectman Maura Martin

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Review of 2009 Work Plan

John Monroe of the National Park Service outlined the 2009 draft work plan for the Committee. Discussion ensued. Agreed upon goals include working with US Army Corps of Engineers to develop a loop trail on Corps land, design and opening of a downtown history trail, development of town wide trail map and development of landowner outreach efforts. Further discussion ensued regarding 12-month timeline for events.

Downtown History Trail

Peter Kisselburgh along with G Wilson and M. Martin gave an update of their efforts to develop a brochure for a downtown walking trail that would ultimately be part of the greenway. Various historical points of interest were discussed. M. Stammer talked about the graphics associated with the trail brochure.

Landowner Outreach Efforts

Committee discussed future efforts to contact landowners regarding a possible river trail. J. Monroe and s. Gold gave examples from other area greenway initiatives.

Thomaston Dam segment

Trail design team gave update on discussion with the Army Corps regarding a trail loop off of Hill Road. Topography and other issues were discussed.

Upcoming events highlighted

Members reviewed preparation for upcoming events including landowner outreach workshop in February, Earth Day event in April and possible National Trails Day event in June with DEP and the state greenways council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm
Submitted by M. Martin