

**Thomaston Greenway Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 7:30pm
Town Hall – Selectmen's Conference Room**

Minutes

Members present: Peter Kisselburgh, Marty Stammer, MaryAnn (MA) Martin, Gary Wilson, Sue Abbott, Maura (M) Martin, and Pam Deziel

Also present: Sam Gold, Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley

Meeting convened at 7: 40 pm

Public Comment

Anne and George Keller, residents of Railroad Street Annex, expressed concern regarding the impact of a possible greenway in their neighborhood. Discussion ensued regarding various routing options and the funding and timing of construction. The Kellers were encouraged to attend future committee meetings and give their input.

Review of March 24th Public Workshop

Discussion ensued regarding the March 24th public workshop held in Watertown. Sam Gold reviewed drafts of the tech reports (memos #3 & #4) by the routing study consultants as presented at the workshop. Members were asked to review drafts and send comments back to Sam Gold or Phil Goff of Alta Planning by May 9, 2010.

Review of 2010 Events and Goals

Committee reviewed goals for the 2010 calendar year. Recognizing that construction funding may not be available in the near future, the committee focused on next steps, including creation of a trails club and sponsored walks that would increase public awareness about the importance of greenways. Members also talked about the possibility of setting up a greenway information booth at public event such as the Car Show and FACT summer concert series. Also, members discussed the importance of communication with other statewide greenway groups, non-profits such as the boy/girl scouts and local land use boards.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

submitted by M. Martin