

**Minutes of Thomaston Greenway
Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2015
Town Hall, Selectman's Conference Room**

Members present: W. Cummings, L. Weeks, B. Dwan, S. Abbott

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Status of Recreational Trails Grant

W. Cummings updated committee members on status of the grant. Final wording on the agreement with DEEP is being developed and then the funds can be released. W. Cummings to follow up with Watertown.

NRG Steering Committee Mtg

W. Cummings attended the NRG Steering Committee Mtg in Shelton CT on 3-11. John Monroe wants to do a Paddle Guide for the Naug R.

Trolley Bridge

On Feb 23, 2015, W. Cummings e-mailed information and photos to a state archeologist who is a bridge expert to see if he can view the old bridge to determine if it qualifies for the state historic registry. After snow melt we will tour the site. No response yet from the state.

Thomaston Fund Raiser

W. Cummings met on March 2, 2015 with the printer to go over the details of a 2016 calendar for a fund raising project. We can do the calendar *piece meal* as we get each month completed to see what it will look like. Our photographer is waiting for snow melt to continue shooting pictures. Printer will not bill us until we gather money from the sales.

June 6th Trail Day

Committee discussed the June 6 Trail Day. W. Cummings entered information on the Ct Forest and Park Assoc. web site describing a hike from Black Rock State Park along the Branch Brook Trail to the old trolley bridge. Hikers will meet at 9 a.m. at B.R. State Park. The hike will be about 2 to 3 miles. We discussed having the boy and girl scouts involved.

Plume and Atwood Site

W. Cummings attended the February ZBA meeting concerning a site variance request by Matt Deziel. W. Cummings explained that the greenway is going to run along the property and gave a presentation stating that we don't oppose the application, that we would like to partner with M. Deziel, and would like to see a buffer installed between the property and the river. The NRG Steering Committee also sent a letter to our E. Mone and J. Leifert on the property.

Greenway Hours

John Monroe will be involved in logging the hours for purposes of counting in kind contribution toward the DEEP grant. W. Cummings will provide J. Monroe with the hours on a monthly basis.

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:09p.m.