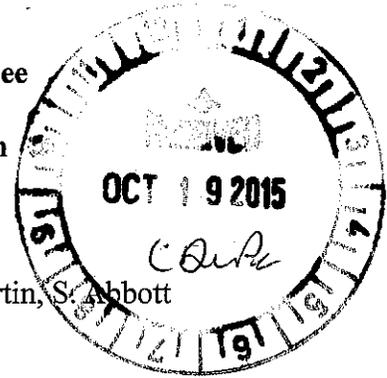


**Minutes – Thomaston Greenway Committee
Thursday, October 8, 2015, 7:15 p.m.
Town Hall Selectman's Conference Room**



Members present: W. Cummings, B. Dwan, G. Wilson, L. Weeks, M. Martin, S. Abbott

Meeting commenced at 7:20 p.m.

Recreational Trails (DEEP) Grant

-Grant issued on September 14th, 2015. WC went before BOF and a town meeting was held on August 26, 2015.

-RFP going out for bid this month; prepared by COG who will be coordinating the grant

-A small committee will be formed to oversee the process with COG, Watertown and Thomaston representatives.

-W. Cummings met with Rich Tingle to go over fencing needed at WPCA. Also plans to meet with Transfer Station people.

-NRWA donated 4 bluebird houses that were placed behind WPCA.

-W. Cummings will continue to pursue getting the trolley bridge approved as a recognized historical site by the state if both towns are interested. Need to find more info and photos of it from the past.

Fundraising

-Finance Director Tracy Decker opened an account for the Greenway and W. Cummings made the first donation. We are to encourage others to donate.

-W. Cummings participated in a webinar suggested by John Monroe about fund raising for non-profit groups. Lots of helpful info presented. Most money is raised simply by asking people for donations.

-Greenway Committee headed up the TSB calendar for 2016 using photos of carriage houses in Thomaston. John Monroe wrote a piece about the Naugatuck River Greenway project. This was a very successful fundraiser. A letter thanking the bank has been sent.

-We may enlarge some of the photos of the carriage houses and offer them to the owner to purchase if they are interested.

-Other fundraising suggestions were discussed

Trail Survey

-W. Cummings and Max Tanguay-Colucci surveyed people along the Middlebury Trail about trail usage, etc. More opportunities to volunteer to survey along a trail are still available.

Greenway Hours

-We can use the hours spent on Greenway work towards our in-kind requirement 18 months prior to the issuance of the grant, or March 14, 2014. A book is used to sign and track time, and can be used as an official document.

Website

-B. Dwan is developing a website for the Thomaston/Wtn Greenway with photos and info. We need to get Thomaston and Wtn approvals before we post.

Membership Campaign

- More members are needed for the committee especially now that we have the grant and will more work to do in the coming months.

Public Comment – None

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

-Next meeting – Special meeting on Thursday, November 19th, 7:15 pm