

Minutes of Thomaston Greenway  
Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 24, 2016  
Town Hall, Selectman's Conference Room

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Time 8:00 AM  
Thomaston Town Clerk  
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Members present: W. Cummings, L. Weeks, B. Dwan, S. Abbott, G. Wilson

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Recreational Trails Grant

We have reached a general agreement with the chosen firm but the scope will need to be phased since it is not possible to estimate cost of design without knowing the location of the trail in Thomaston or the number of drainage features being included in Watertown. The latest draft of the agreement is being prepared by COG.

NRG Steering Committee mtg in Thomaston

Thomaston hosted the NRG Steering Committee meeting. Five members toured the site proposed for the Thomaston trail after the meeting. The Transfer Station has enlarged their area by the leaf piles, bulldozed and pushed the berm closer to Branch Brook.

NAA Proposal

Ideas for an NAA application were discussed. Applications are due into the State by no later than July 1. Therefore, the town must be in receipt of the completed application at least a month prior so that we can hold a public hearing of sorts and then have approved by BOS. It really isn't a "grant" given by DRS, but rather a "contribution" given by a CT-based business who wants to invest in your project. That business would, in turn, receive a "tax credit" from the DRS based on the "contribution" given to the non-profit.

Naugatuck River Cleanup - April 2

The RMNE and NRRG are partnering with O&G Industries, Thomaston Savings Bank, Fascia's Chocolates, Marion Manufacturing and other community and business groups to recruit volunteers to pull tires from the river. The NRG will be helping out and have an information table at the train station.

Trail Day - June 4

WFC submitted a hike to CFPA for June 4. We are partnering again with Watertown and plan two hikes: A "strenuous" hike on the trail up to Black Rock and an easier walk through the park. Further planning will be made at the April meeting.

Other Business:

Neil Johnson has expressed interest in joining the greenway committee. WFC will contact him and nominate him at the 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman's office.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.