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TOWN OF PUTNAM Trails Committee, 2021 at 0 Minutes of a Regularly Scheduled Meetingam Town Clerk

Date: Tuesday November 23, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The Putnam Trails Committee met for a Regularly Scheduled meeting via Zoom # 834 0234 7442 and in person on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 6:00 pm in meeting room # 201 in the new Municipal Complex, 200 School Street, Putnam, CT.

Chairman Moorehead opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

<u>1.Attendance:</u> Chairman Scott Moorehead, Committee Members: Angela Kneeland (Zoom), Bruce Fitzback, Susan Phaneuf (Zoom) and Michael Rocchetti. Volunteer Lyann Graff of The Last Green Valley (via Zoom), and ECD Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre.

Absent: Economic & Community Development (ECD) Director Delpha Very

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes- September 28, 2021*: Member Kneeland motioned to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021, seconded by Member Phaneuf motion passed.

3. New Business:

Annual Schedule of Meetings – 2022*: Motion by Member Fitzback to accept and adopt the schedule of meetings for 2022, seconded by Member Kneeland. Motion passed. Chairman Moorehead reminded all that a Special Meeting can be scheduled if necessary.

4. Old Business:

October 6, 2021 Presentation by Weston & Sampson: The preliminary presentation focuses on the Airline Trail Putnam/Thompson Connection and contains 4 options. The goal is to connect to the existing Putnam River Trail located at intersection of Providence Street and Kennedy Drive. The Committee reviewed. Options 1 and 2 potentially would be a majority favorite; however, would require the most easement agreements both by private owners and Railroad. Option 3 may be favorable in the fact the connection would go through some private ownership; but would avoid a busy and potentially dangerous intersection of Providence Street and School Street (route 44). Option 4 poses hardly any, if any, easement agreements. The inclusions of roundabouts were depicted in Options 1 and 2 on Providence Street, and an under the road tunnel was identified on Rte 12 in Thompson in Option 1. The next step would include a response from State of CT Dept. of Transportation and for Weston & Sampson is to contact property owners and Railroad. The Chairman asked if there were any comments/questions. There were none.

<u>5. Public Participation:</u> Jim Gothreau and Bob Mayer, both Putnam residents, were in attendance. Mr. Gothreau made a comment. Maybe a lease option could be considered when approaching property owners providing an additional option to an easement. Mr. Mayer requested copy of the Weston & Sampson presentation be emailed to him.

Adjournment: There being no further items to come before such meeting, Member Kneeland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Rocchetti. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Jacqueline A. Lefevre, Recording Secretary