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**TOWN OF PUTNAM Trails Committee
Minutes of a Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

Date: Tuesday January 25, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The Putnam Trails Committee met for a Regularly Scheduled meeting via Zoom # 847 6576 4305 on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Moorehead opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

1. Attendance: Chairman Scott Moorehead, Committee Members: Angela Kneeland, Susan Phaneuf, and Michael Rocchetti. Economic Development Director Delpha Very. Volunteers Lyann Graff and Monique Wolanin and ECD Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre.
Absent: Bruce Fitzback

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes- November 23, 2021*: Member Kneeland motioned to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021, seconded by Member Phaneuf motion passed.

3. New Business: None

4. Old Business:

- a. Pomfret Connection Update: scope of work is finalized; pending contract with Weston and Sampson
- b. Thompson Connection Update: phone meeting occurred with State of CT Dept of Transportation (D.O.T.) Putnam Land use Agent Fitzback, Town Administrator Sistare, ECD Director Very, and Weston and Sampson. DOT shared contact information for the railroad and provided the info they had on railroad policies, procedures. Discussion regarding safety, fencing, and other concerns that the railway may have. ECD Director Very suggested inviting the Town Administrator to attend the next meeting.
- c. Fitness Trail Update: Also known as the Nature trail and is located behind the Putnam Middle School. Member Rochetti shared he and his wife frequently walk this trail. They noted it to be mostly in good shape with exception near the river where there is some erosion. Occasionally they notice a tree down and it appears someone is coming out and removing with a chainsaw. Research to be done as to who/m is maintaining the trail.

Chairman Moorehead shared an email sent by Volunteer Sara Gustavesen. She had suggestions on sponsorships for sections of the Airline trail. Sponsors could have signage/mile markers along the trail promoting their business or wellness programs. Discussion ensued. All agreed suggestions were good; however, sections of the Airline trail are privately owned; therefore, may be challenging to erect signage/mile markers. Additionally, it is hard to keep up with signage due to business names changing. Also, the project is still approximately 5 years out making it soon to promote. Volunteer Wolanin provided some suggestions: starting a foundation to assist with maintenance of the trail.

5. Public Participation: None

Adjournment: There being no further items to come before such meeting, Member Phaneuf motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Kneeland. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Jacqueline A. Lefevre, Recording Secretary

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