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TOWN OF PUTNAM Trails Committee
Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: Tuesday September 27, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

The Putnam Trails Committee met for a Special meeting In-person and via Zoom # 842 – 7135 1761 passcode Y14vfu, on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Chairman Moorehead opened the meeting at 5:27 p.m. He explained the meeting was scheduled earlier due to a scheduling conflict.

Attendance: In-Person: Chairman Scott Moorehead, Committee Members: Angela Kneeland, Bruce Fitzback and Michael Rocchetti. Thompson Trail Committee attendees: Karen Durlach, Paul Provost, and Dave Ostrowski. Recreation Dept liaison Stephen Faucher. Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre, **Absent:** Susan Phaneuf

Zoom attendees: LyAnn Graff and Monique Wolanin.

1.Approval of Public Meeting Minutes- May 24, 2022*: Member Kneeland motioned to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022, as presented, seconded by Member Fitzback, motion passed.

2. Airline Trail Putnam to Thompson Update: Member Fitzback reported on September 20, 2022, ECD Director Very, Town Administrator Sistare, Ryan Chmielewski and Cass Chroust of Weston & Sampson, and himself met via Zoom to discuss contact for Railroad. It was agreed that a group should meet with the railroad. Cass Chroust has announced he is leaving Weston & Sampson. Ryan Chmielewski to take lead on project.

3. Airline Trail Extension Pomfret to Putnam Update: State of CT Dept. of Transportation (D.O.T.) have approved contract and it is pending execution. Member Fitzback shared the projected timeline: Design phase starting this fall with a land survey, engineering design year after, actual construction anticipated 2024.

Liaison Faucher- shared he has reached out to provide personal services to assist maintaining a portion of the trail; and, also suggested Putnam Lions club take on some maintenance as part of a community project; however, the matter of liability seems to come up.

Monique Wolanin shared it is State of CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (D.E.E.P) who is responsible for maintenance. She added there are two full time rangers responsible for the trail between Windham to Thompson Quaddick State Park.

4. Putnam Middle School Fitness/Nature Trail Maintenance: Member Fitzback to find out responsible party for maintenance. Member Rochetti shared he noticed the Putnam High School Cross Country team uses the trail.

6. Tackle the Trail: Monique shared there are participants from 21 states and two countries in this year's event. Event starts in Windham, and all will end up at the Hale Y.M.C.A. here in Putnam. Lastly, she mentioned, if anyone notices debris/trees on the trail to contact her and she will reach out to D.E.E.P. Additionally, she is providing the contact email of the Tackle the Trail volunteer coordinator in the chat for anyone who may wish to volunteer at the upcoming event.

7. Next Meeting Time: The Chairman suggested during the process of setting the meeting schedule for next year, we may wish to consider time/day change. An email survey will be sent out by Administrative Assistant Lefevre. Results will be brought to the November meeting.

8. Public Participation: None

9. Adjournment: There being no further items to come before such meeting, Member Fitzback motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Kneeland. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Jacqueline A. Lefevre, Recording Secretary

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