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**TOWN OF PUTNAM
TRAILS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2025**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Scott Morehead, Chairman
Stephen Faucher
Bruce Fitzback

ALSO PRESENT: LyAnn Graff, Last Green Valley via ZOOM
Mary Ann Chinatti, Director, Economic & Community Development

ABSENT: Angela Kneeland, Michael Rochetti

1. Roll Call: The Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present. Chairman Morehead called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2024
(M/S/C Fitzback/Moorehead) to approve the October 10, 2024 minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.
3. New Business
 - i) Annual Election of Officers
(M/S/C Fitzback/Faucher) to move this item to follow Item 4. Carried unanimously.
4. Old Business
 - i) Airline Trail Update – B. Fitzback stated the land surveying has started and, at the same time, the environmental work is being done. Barton & Loguidice, the Town's consultant for this Project, has hired the same firm (CHA) that is doing the survey work for the Town's Foundry Brownfield Grant work. He stated, re the inland wetlands flagging, the Town only needs approximately 150' – 200' flagged. He continued, stating he requested from written approval from the property owner to go on the property. As that approval has still not been received, he stated he will either send an email or formal letter re the need for owner permission.

M.A. Chinatti noted that an updatar meeting with the Town's consultant is scheduled for early next week.

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B. Fitzback noted that the 12-Town Coalition for the Air Line Trail is now official, that Elaine Sistare will serve as the Board Member representing Putnam and that he will serve as Alternate. He continued, stating the Coalition is currently working on bylaws. He further stated that, in speaking with the folks from State Parks, they do want like signage for the full length of the Trail.

Brief discussion followed re the possibility of acquiring an easement, to be deeded to the State, on private property in the area of the trail. B. Fitzback stated E. Sistare has spoken with the family of the property owner and noted the family feels it in the family's best interest to address deeding it over to the Town at a future date.

B. Fitzback continued, stating that Weston & Sampson is doing the design work for a portion of the Project and noted that, leading up this way, there are a lot of wetlands – so much so that Army Corps of Engineers is getting involved.

5. Public Participation - NONE

3. New Business **(moved from earlier in the agenda)**

i) Annual Election of Officers

Chairman: **(M/S/C Moorehead/Faucher)** to elect Bruce Fitzback as Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman: **(M/S/C Moorehead/Fitzback)** to elect Stephen Faucher as Vice Chairman. Carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment

(M/S/C Moorehead/Faucher) to adjourn at 5:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Chinatti, Economic & Community Development Director