

South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

SW Parks & Recreation Department

Attendees: Ginny Hole, Bob Dickinson, Kim Nowell, Skip Bourke, Jeff Harner, Steve Wagner, Christine Kiely, Ken Sek and Molly Keays

Absent: Roy Normen, George Caye, and John Caldwell

Special Note: Peter Mainelli resigned from SWW&WW. Peter and his wife Karen are moving from South Windsor and heading for the Connecticut shoreline. Peter has been active in tackling some of our more difficult projects, and his efforts and contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Peter!

- Call to order at 7:04 pm
- Approved September minutes

Public Participation: None

New Business:

- **New T-shirts:** Ginny is looking to purchase new T-shirts with our green and white emblem on the front, more to come next month.
- **Bike Maintenance / Bike Replacement Budgets:** Jeff submitted a draft annual bike maintenance budget and also a bike replacement plan. Our bike fleet was purchased in 2013.
- **New Parks & Recreation Location:** Molly confirmed that in April of 2023 Parks & Recreation Department will be moving to the old Orchard Hill school.

Old Business:

- **Crosstown Trail**
Molly reported Kevin Grindle, from Barton & Loguidice Architect (formerly Anchor) was unable to attend our Meeting. Kevin sent an email with updates:
 - **April 2022** – Received Initial comments from Eversource's Engineering and Construction Divisions
 - **June 2022** – Eversource requested that that project be broken down into smaller sections [phases] to make their review process more streamlined.
 - Phase 1 will be 2+/- miles portion that connects Wapping Park, Priest Farm and Nevers Park.
 - Phase 1 will incorporate Eversource 's permitting requirements and will then be used as a template for designing future phases.
 - **July 2022** – Field Meeting with Town staff, SWWWW committee members, Eversource & B&L personnel to review the proposed layout and obtain input from Eversource.

- **August 2022** – Phase 1 Plan was revised based on the July field meeting and forwarded to Eversource for final comments on proposed alignment.
- **September 2022** - On-going coordination with Eversource in hopes of receiving their final comments on the Phase 1 plan.
- **October 2022** - B&L has prepared a draft letter to request support from the three private property owners within Phase 1. The support of the private property owners is required by Eversource in order to move the project forward.
- **November 2022** – Kevin is scheduled to attend and will discuss:
 - Final design plans for Phase 1
 - Design development plans for Phase 2
 - Status of the CTDEEP's upcoming Recreation Trails Grant
- **Organizational Structure Bylaws**
 - Reviewed the latest draft of the bylaws additional changes were suggested. In our December meeting we will be voting to approve these bylaws.
- **Crosstown Trail Grant Meeting**
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th, 7:00pm, at Parks & Recreation 91 Ayers Rd.
- **Involvement Fair at CT Valley Brewery**
 - Jeff, Skip, Bob, and Ginny attended the Fair on September 24th. There were four organizations present. We obtained 85 signatures in support of the Crosstown Trail.
- **Review Of Summer Events**
 - Our events for the Spring and Summer Park & Rec Magazine must be submitted in February.
 - Reviewed last summer events
 - Thursday Night Bike Rides – was a HUGE success, thank you Skip for taking the lead role!
 - Discussed other events and will decide in December what events we will host in 2023
- **SWW&WW Calendar Events**
 - **Halloween Hullabaloo** – Saturday, October 22nd from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. If you are interested in helping to pass out candy, send Ginny an email.

Other Business:

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, October 11th** – 4th Grade Bike Safety Program at Orchard Hill School.
 - Class dates are 10/11, 10/13 and 10/14 with a rain date of 10/17. If you would like to help with these bike classes email Ken.

- **Wednesday, October 12th and October 19th** – Adult Morning Bike Ride
 - Meet at the parking lot next to the soccer field restrooms at Nevers Park at 9:45am.
- **Saturday, October 15th** – Adopt-A-Road
 - The start time has been changed to 9:00am. Meet at CREC International Magnet School at 625 Chapel Road. Bring work gloves and work shoes. Attendees are: Kim, Skip, Jeff, Steve, Christine and Ken. If you would like to help, email Ken. Rain date is Sunday (10/16).
- **Saturday, October 26th** – Rye Street Park Hike meet at 10:00am.
- **Saturday, November 5th** – Moonlight Hike Nevers Park.
 - Skip and Kim will be leading the 1.5 Moonlight Hike through Nevers Park. Meet at 6:45pm at Rotary Pavilion, 55 Chief Ryan Way. The hike will begin at 7:00pm. Email Skip or Kim to help out.

Miscellaneous: None

Announcements:

- **Bike Walk Connecticut** – September Newsletter
 - Saturday, October 15th – there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30am to celebrate the improvements for the Andover Center Safe Transit Initiative. Meet at the Center St. Rail Trailhead in Andover.
 - Accomplishments: safe passages across Rte. 6; installed or improved signs, benches, bike racks, handicapped ramps and a new Hop River Trailhead.
 - CT was selected for the 2022 Complete Streets Leadership Academies. Waterbury, Bristol and Middletown were selected for receiving technical assistance about Complete Streets with Smart Growth America.
 - Trail of the Month: Air Line Trail, this trail spans multiple towns and is almost 50 miles in length, stretching from Putnam to East Hampton. This trail has crushed stone surface which is ideal for bikes with wider tires.
- **Watch for Me Connecticut** – October Newsletter
 - **October is Pedestrian Safety Month.** Unfortunately, in 2020 there were 6,516 pedestrians killed in the United States.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022; at 7:00 pm

SW Parks & Recreation Building, 91 Ayers Road,

Guest: Kevin Grindle, from Barton & Loguidice Architect