



MIDDLEBURY GREENWAY COMMITTEE

1212 Whittemore Road.
Middlebury, CT 06762

MEETING MINUTES Greenway Committee Monday, March 4, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. Shepardson Community Center

Present: Sharon Bosco, Chairman
Linda Barone,
Paul Bialobrzkeski
Tim Mahr
Kevin Morse

Absent: Trish Lindemann

Also Present: Tracy Graziano,
Recording Clerk

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bosco at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the October 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Barone **MOTIONED** to approve the October 2, 2023 meeting minutes;

SECONDED by Mr. Mahr. **MOTION APPROVED**. Members Paul Bialobrzkeski and Kevin Morse abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

Communications

Chairman Bosco welcomed new Greenway Committee member Kevin Morse.

Old Business

***Tunnel Project** – Chairman Bosco will get an update on the amount of funds raised for the next meeting.

***Greenway Signs** – Ms. Barone shared correspondence from Kelly at Write Way Signs re: a quote for the Historical signs proposed for the Greenway. This project will be discussed further when spring weather arrives. Mr. Mahr added that some of the informational signs currently on the Greenway are in bad shape and should be replaced; these, too, will be addressed in the Spring.

***Greenway Winter Maintenance** – There was some discussion in reference to the policy regarding winter maintenance on the Greenway. Ms. Barone queried if there are “Use at Your Own Risk” signs posted on the Greenway. Chairman Bosco stated that these items should be explored and tabled further discussion for another time.

New Business

*Earth Day – Ms. Barone asked if there are plans for an Earth Day Event. Parks & Recreation is planning an event for Saturday, April 20th details to follow. Chairman Bosco will coordinate with the P&R department.

*Greenway Landing Page – Chairman Bosco stated that she spoke to Parks & Recreation Director Betsy Anderson re: the Greenway’s landing page on the Town website. It’s currently set at default and Chairman Bosco asked the committee members what they would like to see posted there. She referenced fundraising opportunities for the tunnel project. Chairman Bosco said she will ask Liana, the selectmen’s administrative assistant to update the Greenway Committee members. She also suggested adding winter maintenance warnings to the Greenway’s page.

Chairman Bosco suggested adding a map of the Greenway and Mr. Morse suggested adding QR Codes to the signs on the Greenway that would bring you right to the landing page on the website.

Mr. Bialobrzewski asked if the Committee had ever considered putting drinking water fountains along the Greenway. Ms. Barone stated that she recalls hearing discussions re: drinking fountains at the future dog park and there being concerns regarding the water source, as well as drainage. She will get that information for the next meeting.

Ms. Barone inquired about future/upcoming fundraising for the tunnel project and asked if there would be another opportunity at the upcoming Summer Concert Series. The Parks & Recreation department is planning 5 summer concerts this year; June 27th, July 11th and 25th, and August 8th and August 22nd. The Greenway Committee will explore this option further at the April Meeting.

No action taking.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Mr. Mahr **MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bialobrzewski.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted subject to approval,

Tracy Graziano

Recording Clerk