



Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday November 14th, 2018, 9am
Cheshire Town Hall, Room 207
84 South Main Street, Cheshire, 06410

Call-in # (563) 999-2090
Passcode: 104195#

Let's Leave Today's Meeting With:

- An up close look at the newly opened Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Cheshire
- Ideas about capitalizing on trails for economic development
- Comments on interpretive signage for the trail

9:00 – Introductions– Rista Malanca

9:05 – Cheshire and the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT)– The last remaining gap in the FCHT in Cheshire was closed earlier this year with the completion of a trail section from Cornwall Avenue to Route 68. This trail section makes it possible to travel from Southington to New Haven completely off road and on the trail. Town officials will be discussing the process of getting the trail designed and built and how the town envisions the trail fitting into economic development plans.

- Design, Construction and Lessons Learned - George Neowatne, Director of Public Works and Engineering
- Trail Related Economic Development Plans - Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator
- Questions and Discussion

9:35 –Thomaston-Torrington Routing Study – Aaron Budris

- Update
- Next Steps

9:45 – Watertown/ Thomaston Design and Construction – Mark Nielsen

- Update and LoTCIP Application
- Next Steps

9:55 – NRG Signage Procurement – Aaron Budris

- Interpretive Signage Design Review and Comment
- Discussion about trailhead wayfinding developments

10:05 – Economic Study

- Legislative Outreach – Spring 2019?

10:15 – Upcoming Events and NRGSC assistance

- Ribbon cuttings?
- Other Events

10:25 – Rec Trails 2018 Grant Submissions Recap

“The Naugatuck River from Torrington to Derby is rich with history, stunning scenery and wildlife. Just as the river built and shaped our towns and cities, the Naugatuck River Greenway will be a driving force for the next century and beyond. Our mission is to harness the vitality and protect the health of the river for economic development and quality of life for all.”

10:35 – Roundtable Discussion/ News – What is happening in your community?

- Torrington
- Litchfield
- Harwinton
- Thomaston
- Watertown
- Waterbury
- Naugatuck
- Beacon Falls
- Seymour
- Ansonia
- Derby

10:50 - Other Business/ News

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11:00– Wrap-Up & Adjourn –

- 2019 Proposed Meeting Schedule – February 13, May 8, August 14, November 13.**

Weather permitting, we will be visiting the newly completed FCHT trail section. Meet at Cornwall Avenue Trailhead at 480 Cornwall Ave:
<https://goo.gl/maps/BejMe2q3RLB2>

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Municipal Representatives

Torrington	Rista Malanca*
Litchfield	Cleve Fuessenich
Harwinton	Suzanne Stitch Joan Kirchner
Thomaston	Jeremy Leifert
Watertown	Roy Cavanaugh
Waterbury	Kenny Curran Sal Porzio
Naugatuck	Jim Stewart
Beacon Falls	Liz Falzone Josh Carey
Seymour	Rory Burke
Ansonia	Sheila O'Malley Bill Luneski
Derby	Jack Walsh*

Stakeholder Representatives

Aaron Budris – Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
Bill Purcell – Valley Chamber
Bob Gregorski - Naugatuck River Watershed Association & Trout Unlimited
Christopher Way - US Army Corps of Engineers
Chuck Berger – Retired Watertown Town Engineer
Clifford Cooper - Litchfield Community Greenway
Courteny Morehouse – Housatonic Valley Association
Dave Faber –Naugatuck Valley Outdoors Club
Jim MacBroom – Milone and MacBroom
Jim O'Rourke - Waterbury Y
Jolene Podgorski - Watertown DPW
Josh Carey – Connecticut Community Foundation
Kevin Zak – Naugatuck River Revival Group
Laurie Giannotti - CT DEEP Greenways
Mark Nielsen – Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
Melanie Zimyeski – CT DOT
Rick Lynn – Northwest Hills Council of Governments
Steve Casey – Railroad Museum of New England
Susan Peterson - CT DEEP Watershed Program
Vicki Barnes - Watertown - Steele Brook Rangers *Indicates Co-Chair