



**Town of Beacon Falls
Conservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403
February 29, 2024
(Subject to Revision)**

Member Present: Joann Delenick (**JD**), Victor Santos (**VS**), Larry Wissink (**LW**), Lori Paradis-Brant (**LPB**),
Members Absent: Cody Muth (**CM**), Julian Thomas (**JT**)
Others Present: Selectman Michael Krenesky (**MK**)

1. **Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag**

LPB called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

2. **DEEP Rec Trails Grant - Discussion & Action:**

VS I know Julian had a thought of about \$30,000 to ask for. **LW** In total? **VS** Yes, I've been dealing with Natasha, and I think he's reached out to Natasha a few times too. We need to know how much it will cost and who will maintain it after. That's where we are... just getting all the information to Natasha. **LPB** I would say for now the plan is we as a volunteer crew we can create volunteer work parties and that is one of the founding bases for the CT Trails Day in June is trail parties. I think we can manage ourselves, it's not a long trail. It's a great way to get residents, local businesses even to support work parties. **VS** I wasn't here for Lantern Ridge so I don't know what the process is/was but I'm guessing that's what will happen again. **MK** I remember they got some minor grant money because they needed to do some major tree trimming. **VS** I think the bulk of it is going to be that steep hill. **LPB** The majority of the survey results were in favor of this. Some people asked who will maintain it. **JD** So Victor you have all of our email addresses so if Natasha questions you on something please forward it to all of us. **VS** I will forward it to everybody, no problem. **LW** So Natasha is filling out the form? **VS** Going to be, yes. **LPB** I reached out to AMC, but I have not heard back. **LW** Should we try and develop a master plan that incorporates the greenway river trail planning? I went to the Naugatuck River Valley Greenway Council Meeting. They had a map of where it's been built and where they're planning. (At the council meeting) A guy from Seymour was there and said they're doing a routing study for Seymour, and we were saying we should coordinate because the question for them is where it connects to Beacon Falls is which side of the railroad so we should coordinate with them on that. It also makes me realize we should do the same in Naugatuck. The routing study from 2010 estimated it at around 10 million dollars so you would assume it's double that now. **JD** I wouldn't even worry about the price because you don't know. **LPB** So circling back to the grant what is it we need to do tonight? And I'll suggest for tonight that we utilize the planning idea for next years grant so that we look at the bigger picture. **VS** Natasha asked for specifically how much it will cost so Julian is looking at the lumber cost and we need signage cost. **LPB** I can look into that. **VS** I know for Parks & Rec we are getting a sign, and it costs about \$800. **LPB** So we are close... that's great. **LPB** Don't we need the town to do 20% matching? **VS** But it can also be volunteer hours. **LW** Do we need to concern ourselves with Year 2 and Year 3? **JD** I'm sure Natasha will tell us what we need. Just keep in touch, check your emails. **VS** Any communication I have from now I'll include you guys on.

3. **Adjournment:** **LW** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM: **JD** seconded the motion. All ayes.



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Respectfully submitted,

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