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Minutes of Meeting November 2, 2023

Item 1: Call To Order The QRLTAC was called to order at 7:02

Item 2: Guests and New Members Larry Kellogg (Guest) Rosemary Pilch (Guest) Robin Corrigan (Guest) Jeanne McFarland (Guest)

Item 3: Approve & Accept Minutes from September 7, 2023 Motion: Sally; Seconded: Dave B.; Motion: Passed

Item 4: Co-Chairs Announcements

Cathy gave a recap of Celebrate Wallingford and the good turnout.

Still lots of dog excrement and other maintenance items get routed to WPW, some WFD residents are also calling directly.

Dog excrement and other maintenance items will get routed to WPW, suggested that we urge WFD residents to call WPW directly.

A recap of the lost trash barrels and dog bag waste dispensers was given, the QRLTAC needs to determine if more barrels & bags are available, will the amount of waste be reduced.

Sunday November 26 is the Holiday on the Trail, this year will have one set of two horses & one 13-15 passenger carriage. We have the Enchanted Mailbox, Santa and Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa, a fireplace, music, and other fun activities. Jonathan will be the Victorian Coachman once again.

Cathy suggested horse & carriage fundraiser options for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, we can discuss as needed.

The final payment came from DEEP for the \$150,000 grant. SLR did design, permitting and a remittance was sent.

Mary may need to modify the language for the Bond Commission agenda to add the approach and ramp from Fireworks Island through the condos up to Main Street in Yalesville. The current language only specifies the bridge construction and does not specify the approaches.

Mary noted a Two-Town joint project with North Haven to connect the two town's trails, roughly parallel to the Wilbur Cross, waiting to hear from the U.S. Senate on the application.

Mary clipped the Bicentennial Trail, the ground is sinking there, the soil compacts and roots get exposed. Another 5 truckloads of wood chips are needed.

Cathy suggested a grant to refresh the 20" of stone dust on the western side of the Hall Avenue section of the trail.

Mary mentioned the signage grant that was returned but the QRLTAC can re-apply in December. Two graphics designers have been identified who may be interested in the project.

Item 5: Town Engineer Report Not presented

Item 6: Sub-committee Reports

Treasurer's report: Corporate Operating: \$7,886.64 Construction \$43,971.70

Item 7: Public Q & A

None

Item 8: Other Business

Sheila and Jay expressed *in absentia* their support for continued discussion and research on a new trail for the purpose of connecting Yalesville to North Plains Highway and on to Route 5.

Item 9: Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Item 10: Adjournment

The QRLTAC adjourned at 8:12 PM Motion: Jonathan; Seconded: Sally; Motion: Passed