

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Ned Lamont, Governor
 Paul Cicarella, Jr, State Senator
 Liz Linehan, State Representative
 Vincent Candelora, State Representative
 Craig C. Fishbein, State Representative
 Richard Blumenthal, US Senator
 Christopher Murphy, US Senator
 Rosa L. DeLauro, US Representative

 Vincent Cervoni, Mayor

TOWN COUNCILORS:

Joseph Morrone, Chairman
 Christina Tatta, Vice-Chairman
 Thomas Laffin
 Craig C. Fishbein
 Vincent F. Testa, Jr.
 Autumn Allinson
 Jesse Reynolds
 Samuel Carmody
 Christopher Regan

**CO-CHAIRPERSONS:**

Cathy Granucci
 Mary Mushinsky, State Representative

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**Wallingford Town Hall
 Minutes of Meeting
 Room 315, January 2, 2025**

Item 1: Call To Order

The QRLTAC was called to order at 7:09 pm. Slider door wouldn't open.

Item 2: Guests and New Members

(none)

Item 3: Approve & Accept Minutes from November 7, 2024

Motion: Sheila Dravis Cosgrove; **Seconded:** Larry Zabrowski; **Motion:** Passed

Item 4: Co-Chair Announcements

Co-chairs met with Public Works Director Rob Baltramis, Town Engineer Alison Kapushinski, and Mayor Vincent Cervoni.

Rob Baltramis said Public Works will mow at the trail at least once a month and budget for installing the soft (stone dust) path at side of the main trail. He hopes to update kiosk, grade and place bricks at labyrinth, and repair broken fences. Will replace some missing plants at the labyrinth. For tree pruning, a bucket truck cannot access the trail north of the tunnel, so he hopes to get permission for a pull-off from Route 15. Mary will request. Rob asks all requests from QRLTAC members for permission to do volunteer maintenance (such as tree pruning) should go through Cathy, who will check with Public Works. The large red oak may need some dead portions pruned and trunks reinforced.

Town Engineer Alison Kapushinski notes possible erosion of riverbank near a bench north of tunnel which requires photo monitoring by committee but does not appear serious currently.

Mayor Cervoni supports the placement of a security camera high up at the labyrinth and signage announcing the fact. He will consult with the police department. He supports extension of the trail toward North Haven. Instead of the town owning all parts of the trail, he says we could seek easements to connect with North Plains Industrial Rd./ North Plains Hwy.

Town Engineer Alison Kapushinski said bids for Phase 3b bridge project will be taken in May; bridge should be completed in the fall.

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DOT recommends we involve North Haven First Selectman when Town seeks an engineer to design a plan to extend the trail to North Haven, per federal grant through U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy's office.

Cathy would like to place attractive signs on the arch listing trail rules. Sheila and Jay will work on selecting sign designs. Kenny Michaels (Parks & Rec) may have a designated vendor for signs.

Co-chairs Mary and Cathy recommended new subcommittees: signage and trail expansion. The committee approved and volunteers submitted their names (see below).

We will plan for the following events in 2025:

- Spring cleanup: Sunday, April 27
- National Trails Day: June 7 or 8
- Wallingford Health and Wellness Fair: August (date TBD)
- Celebrate Wallingford: October 4-5
- Fall cleanup: Sunday, October 26
- Holiday on the Trail: Sunday, November 30, 12:30-3:00? Discussion of doing more fundraising at the event (business and individual sponsorships or memberships).

Item 5: Town Engineer Report

(See Co-chair announcements above)

Item 6: Sub-committee Reports

1. Financial Report: Robin Corrigan (via phone)
 - Operating (checking): \$ 6,506.17
 - Money Market: \$ 1,209.56
 - Savings (7-month CD): \$10,393.62
 - Combined: \$18,109.35
2. Grants/Applications: Mary Mushinsky
 - Because Town must front the cost of the federal planning grant, Mary will seek bonding.
3. Publicity/Social Media: Sally Tremaine, Jay Cosgrove
 - None.
4. Signage: Sheila Dravis Cosgrove, Jay Cosgrove, Tom Knight, Melissa Hasselbarth
 - (See Co-chair announcements above)
5. Trail Expansion: Fred Nellums, Tom Knight, David Bedell
 - (See Co-chair announcements above)

Item 7: Public Q & A

None.

Item 8: Other Business

None.

Item 9: Next Regular Meeting: February 6, 2025

Item 10: Adjournment

The QRLTAC adjourned at 8:35 PM

Motion: Larry Zabrowski; **Seconded:** Sheila Dravis Cosgrove; **Motion:** Passed

JANUARY 2, 2025 QRLTAC
MEETING

Sheila Draus Cosgrove

Jay Cosgrove

Tom Wright

Fred Nellums

Sally Tremaine

Cathy Granocs

Mary Mushinsky

Rosemary Pilch

MELISSA HASSELBARTH

Bob Kennedy

LARRY ZABROWSKI

David Bedell