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**CO-CHAIRPERSONS:**

Cathy Granucci
 Mary Mushinsky, State Representative

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**Wallingford Town Hall
 Minutes of Meeting
 Room 315, October 1, 2026**

Item 1: Call To Order

The QRLTAC was called to order by Co-chair Cathy Granucci at 7:05 pm.

Item 2: Attendance

Cathy Granucci, Co-chair
 Mary Mushinsky, Co-chair
 David Bedell, Secretary
 Jay Cosgrove
 Sheila Dravis

Melissa Hasselbarth
 Tom Knight
 Fred Nellums
 Danielle Payne
 Dale Richards

Sally Tremaine
 Ted Greiner (guest)
 Pat Nastri (guest)

Item 3: Approve & Accept Minutes from September 3, 2026

Motion: Tom Knight; **Seconded:** Fred Nellums; **Motion:** Passed

Item 4: Co-Chair Announcements

We have a booth at Celebrate Wallingford festival, October 3-4. Booth #67. Cathy will give the pass to Tom so he can drive in and unload materials.

Our next trail cleanup work party is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 (rain date Sunday, October 25). Cathy is not available that day, so someone needs to contact Jose at Dunkin and pick up coffee (regular and decaf) and doughnuts. We need wood chips for the first side trail; David will ask tree services: Wallingford Tree/K&J/Paradise Tree/Mt. Carmel (and get Public Works permission and police notice to allow truck on trail). Cathy will contact schools to get student volunteers. David will contact Mr. D at Lyman Hall VoAg for tractor drivers.

Mary is looking for someone with experience using a come-along lever to move trees that are blocking the river.

The CT Trail Symposium takes place Friday, October 2, at SCSU.

Item 5: Town Engineer Report

None.

Item 6: Sub-committee Reports**1. Financial Report: David Bedell for Robin Corrigan**

Operating (checking): \$ 2,358.00

Money Market: \$ 1,226.54

Savings (7-month CD): \$11,045.99

Nonprofit checking: \$17,500.00 (donation from Amphenol)

Combined: \$32,130.53

2. Grants/Applications: Mary Mushinsky

Bond fund has not been released yet, but notice should go out soon. DEEP recreational trail grant program is due soon. We can request up to one million dollars. Senator Chris Murphy has obtained a grant to link Wallingford with North Haven; we must match. He wants social media companies to pay into a federal fund.

3. Publicity/Social Media: Sally Tremaine, Jay Cosgrove

None.

4. Signage: Sheila Dravis Cosgrove, Jay Cosgrove, Tom Knight, Melissa Hasselbarth

None.

5. Trail Expansion: Fred Nellums, Tom Knight, David Bedell

None.

Item 7: Public Q & A

None.

Item 8: Other Business

Fred invited landscaper Ted Greiner to talk about invasive control and weed control on the Labyrinth. He recommends "Spruce" brand weedkiller made of saltwater and detergent. The new Roundup formula does not have glyphosate, but a combined triclopyr/diquat dicot-and-monocot-killer. A roofer's torch can burn weeds, but it leaves carbon. "Crew" granular herbicide keeps seeds from germinating. A non-woven landscape fabric can be laid down under stone dust, with Crew applied once or twice a year. Inexpensive labor can be found on social media site Nextdoor.com. "SiteOne" is a nearby landscaper supplier. "Dimension" is an herbicide to control crabgrass.

Item 9: Next Regular Meeting: November 1, 2026**Item 10: Adjournment**

The QRLTAC adjourned at 8:02 PM.