

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019

Call to Order

Acting Chair

Roll Call

Clerk

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acting Chairman - Carmel Steger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Membership – Donna Green | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Bengt-Olaf Schneider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair – open | <input type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Education – Don Podolski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Bob Hamel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – Joe Giffune | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir of Resource Dev – Jonathan McHatton | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – John Tassinari |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk – Chris Steger | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Reenie Hamel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large - Dan Call |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – Bob Pac | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Cressotti – City Engineer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – George Hart | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Carolyn Cacolice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Bard - WPD |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Cacolice | <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Phelon – Chamber of Commerce |

Meeting called to order at Westfield YMCA at 6:33 pm.

Previous meeting minutes: Don moved to approve, seconded by Jonathan. Motion passed.

Reports of City Officers (Mark Cressotti)

Central Section – Mass DOT to issue Notice to Proceed by November 1

Westfield River Levee - Design proceeding

Kevin Bard

Community Policing Unit changes are occurring, officers will be in police cruisers more

Acting Chair (Carmel Steger)

Board taxes have been paid (\$1500), Board insurance has been updated and paid (\$743), Post Office box paid for (\$92),

Vice Chair

Vacant position

Treasurer's Report (Carmel)

Board check book balance is about \$17,000, savings account has \$5000, discussion about fund raising and how much is needed annually to maintain board obligations, Chris to check to see if Don P. is coming to November meeting to discuss Great River Ride, several forums are being held for candidates, Carmel to send out meeting times to board members

Director of Planning and Resources Report

Mass bike grant applied for, Stop and Shop has a community bag program to support local non-profits, Jonathan agreed to submit a request on FOCGRT behalf

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

Full report submitted via email, 13 – 30% increase in summer trail use from 2018 – 2019, discussion about vandalism inside Hedges tunnel, how can lights be installed inside the tunnel, Dan agreed to look into how much Southwick Rail Trail paid for camera in use at tunnel,

Director of Education

No Report

Director of Membership

One new member from glow walk, approximately 50 people attended glow walk, looking for volunteers to assist in tabling at the Westfield Pumpkinfest, .

Nominating Committee

Going to try to schedule elections at December meeting, need someone to assist Chris in putting together a candidate slate

At Large:

No comments.

Old Business:

New Business:

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 20, 2019 at the Westfield YMCA.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dan, second by Bob, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.