

**Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019**

Call to Order

Chair/Vice Chair

Roll Call

Clerk

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairman – Joe Giffune | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Membership – Donna Green | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Bengt-Olaf Schneider |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair – Carmel Steger | <input type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Planning & Dev – | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – Eric Bressler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dir of Resource Dev – | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – John Tassinari |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk – Chris Steger | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Cressotti | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large - Dan Call |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – Bob Pac | <input type="checkbox"/> Lt. Eric Hall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Don Podolski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – George Hart | <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Phelon – Chamber of Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Mike Young |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reenie Hamel - Guest | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Hamel - Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large - |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Erickson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan McHatton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Santos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Wolfe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Shea | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Cacolice |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Cacolice |

Meeting called to order at Westfield YMCA.

Previous meeting minutes: Dan Call moved to approve, seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

Reports of City Officers (Mark Cressotti)
No report

Lt. Eric Hall
No report

Chair (Joe Giffune)
Gave a trail talk with the Westfield Get Together Club who then gave a donation.
Spoke at the City Council meeting in support of Mark Cressotti reappointment.

Vice Chair (Carmel Steger)
Liability insurance update for board members. It is possible to get day-of-event insurance.

Treasurer's Report (Eric Bressler/Joe Giffune)
No report.

Director of Planning and Resources Report
No report

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

Farmington Valley Trail Committee shared historical trail use data which showed 10,000 fewer travel into Mass. from the CT state line. Southwick trail group is interested about FOCGRT plans for bike week. Chris to add Mayor's ride to agenda for March meeting.

Director of Membership

Donna met with Alice to transition into the Director of Membership role. Need some Board members to start planning for a membership drive in early summer. Working on posting more updates on Facebook page. Please send post or send Donna pictures or articles about a non-vehicle friendly community. Working to set up an Instagram account also. Board volunteers are needed for Tuesday's on the trail.

Westfield 350

Committee met and are finalizing plans for the event.

Kate Phelon:

No report

Nominating Committee:

New Board members elected. Don has volunteered to move to Director of Education and Bob Hamel was added in his At Large seat. See March meeting agenda for FOCGRT board members. Vote was taken and all candidates were voted onto the board.

At Large:

Old Business:

1. Westfield River Bridge plaque replacement.
2. Security camera on bridge.
3. Westfield Board of Health sign
 - a. Don and Dan met with the Board of Health
 - b. The sign will say No Smoking, curb your pet, helmets required for kids + other items.
 - c. It will also have the Board of Health and FOCGRT logos.
 - d. A draft design will be share with the FOCGRT board.

New Business:

1. E-Bike regulations for bike trails discussed. Appears Mass. will be following CT lead for regulating the bikes by either Class 1 or 2.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the YMCA.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Don, second by Bengt, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.