

**Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2018**

Call to Order	Chair/Vice Chair	
Roll Call	Clerk	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chairman – Joe Giffune	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Membership – Alice Flyte	<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 –
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – Eric Bressler	<input type="checkbox"/> Dir of Resource Dev –	<input type="checkbox"/> At Large – John Tassinari
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk – Chris Steger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large - Dan Call
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – Bob Pac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Mike Young	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Cressotti
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – George Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Don Podolski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Cacolice
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Phelon

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm at Westfield YMCA.

Previous meeting minutes: Don Podolski moved to approve, seconded by Bob Pac. Motion passed with change of date from 21st to 14th. Chris to check meeting bylaws for the number of board members necessary for a quorum.

Vice Chair (Carmel Steger)

Joe and Carmel spoke to Westfield Women’s Club get together on November 13th. CPC meeting attendance to thank them for supporting the rail trail was delayed. Carmel plans to attend another. Alice is resigning from the Board at the end of 2018 and Ashley has resigned leaving the Dir. Of Membership, Dir. Of Planning & Dev. and Dir. of Resource Dev. positions open plus one At Large position. Kate mentioned she could inquire with downtown merchants for members. Discussion on how to get and retain Board members. Chris to send Donna a list of Board member duties.

Treasurer’s Report (Eric Bressler/Joe Giffune)

No report.

Director of Planning and Resources Report

No report

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

Supported Glow Walk with trash pickup. The crosswalk paint at Shaker Road needs to be redone due to construction work. Attended Economic Development Engine meeting with several others from Westfield. Attended Farmington Valley Rail Trail annual meeting with Dan Call. Traffix data shared, questions on how counters track people who pass. Proposal to relocate to a more suitable location. UConn has expressed an interest in rail trail count data. Lights on Rail bridge not working. Bob Madison will talk about the rail trail on January 16.

Director of Membership (Alice Flyte)

Revised brochure completed and distributed to members. Ready for Board members to solicit businesses for membership to FOCGRT. Businesses who sign up will get links to their business web site on the FOCGRT web site. Discussion about giving Westfield YMCA a complimentary membership due to them allowing the board to meet there.

Westfield 350 (George Hart)

First Night festivities moving ahead and volunteers are needed to support the effort. Discussion about Board members signing up. FOCGRT 350th committee planning 3 – 4 events: bike rodeo, yoga, slow bike race, trail quest. Discussion about what kind of insurance coverage is needed when FOCGRT host an event. Insurance agent has recommended additional insurance. Board members will need to help with one or more of the events.

Kate Phelon:

Will follow-up with downtown businesses for anyone interested in joining FCGRT.

Nominating Committee:

No people have been nominated for open positions.

Old Business:

1. Westfield River Bridge plaque replacement.
2. Security camera on bridge.
3. Joe to follow-up on liability insurance requirements for FOCGRT.
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New Business:

1. Proposal provided to Board by Bob and Dan for trail usage signs.
2. Should someone send Mass DOT thank you note for holding efficient public hearing.
3. Committee formed (Joe and Chris) to recommend ways to an \$800 grant.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 18 at the YMCA.

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