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**Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 19, 2013**

**Attending:**

Fred Mastele as Acting President of CHC, Laurie Giannotti, Jan Collins, Leslie Lewis, Diane Ciano, Meg Sautter, David Frassielli, Ruth Beardsley

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was held at the Northeast Utilities Building in Berlin. Meeting called to order at 6:52 pm by Fred.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting minutes of June 20, 2013 were reviewed. No corrections. Motion by Diane to accept. Meg seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**Introduction of New Member:**

David Frassinelli introduced himself and told of his background with horses and work in commercial construction and facilities. He took the place of Judy Beliveau on the EAC

**State Forest & Park Updates:**

**Natchaug SF** - CHC got a renewal of the DEEP grant for the Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp. It will be used for picnic tables. Diane is looking into contractors. Scott Dawley has not gotten back to her about the toilets that were supposed to be installed last fall. The hitching post and mounting block are on hold until the toilets are finished. The contractor for the picnic tables will also do the kiosks.

**Goodwin SF** - Jean Morrison is the new VHP Coordinator. The current forester is retiring. Additional signage is up re: horseback riding not recommended in certain areas.

**Shenipsit SF** - Ann Moses will be the new VHP Coordinator.

**Salmon River SF & Comstock Bridge** - Diane never heard from Bunny Joseph or Roxanne Winslow about the maps and trails. Laurie sent the map she had to Tom Nozzle and

asked him to update it. She thinks this will be sufficient and will put it on the DEEP website under Day Pond SF. Laurie did not know the status of the Comstock Bridge accessibility issue.

#### **Other Trail Reports:**

**Hammonasset SP** - Jan reports that an archeological review is being done for a building project. It has no impact on horseback riding.

**Moosup SP** - Laurie and Leslie report that there are new trail sections, as well as a big parking lot in Plainfield.

#### **Legislation:**

Rep. Mary Mushinsky (on the Environmental Committee) is giving a thorough look at State Park sustainability from a financial and staffing point of view.

#### **Trail Surface Study:**

Review and discussion of draft power point. Leslie will email it to committee members for their input. Leslie and Ruth will decide whether and how to incorporate the suggested changes. Ruth to email Leslie the names and affiliations of people interviewed on behalf of the listed organizations. Ruth to contact the Bridle Path Conservancy about drafting a paragraph for the contacts page.

#### **Other Old Business:**

**Summer Outdoor Journey** - was successful but not as well publicized as it should have been. Will hold it again during the summer of 2014.

#### **New Business:**

**Trails Day** - will be June 7-8, 2014. Leslie hands out CFPA information.

**No Child Left Inside Winter Festival** - Diane got an invitation for CHC to participate. It will be held in January 2014.

**Pathways in Connecticut** - a link on the DOT website. These trails connect or will connect to the Air Line Trails and go into Rhode Island.

#### **2014 Dates for EAC Meetings:**

March 20, June 19, September 18 and December 18, starting at 6:30 pm at the NU Building in Berlin.

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Diane at 8:10 pm. Seconded by Meg. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Beardsley  
Secretary, EAC