

TOWN OF OLD LYME
HALLS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall meeting room 52 Lyme St, Old Lyme CT 06371

Attending: Deb Czarnecki, Dave Kelsey, Jane Ungemack, Mike Reiter (on Phone)

Absent: Ray Thompson, Howard Margules

1. Call to Order 7:02
2. Motion to Approve Minutes from August 10, 2023 by DK, 2nd DC
3. Trails & Bridge status: DEEP representatives met with the Town, ET & AI to review plans for the Lieutenant River Trails & Bridge project. DEEP is offering to quitclaim their .67 parcel on the east side of the river to the Town for access to the old bridge abutment. The State has asked for ‘as practicably as possible’ provisions for fishing access along the west bank as well as parking.

ET stated the Town will look into parking options on the west side of the river. The east side has room for 4 parking spots on the current DEEP property. AI will include a fishing boardwalk along the riverbank as an option to be reviewed in the upcoming Open Houses.

Schedule for Trails & Bridge Open House presentation to town: The Open Houses are scheduled for **9/30 – 10 to 2 and 10/5 – 5 to 9**. The purpose of these meetings will be for the community to learn about the project and provide their preferences on the options and details of the design alternatives. DK suggested the invitation be sent out ASAP with the renderings and map reviewed in the meeting to get folks excited to come to the Open Houses. All agreed this was an important step and that ET would put together the invitation to send out to publications and for posting on the Town site.

4. HROD plan for resubmittal: After the informal conversation with the Zoning Committee in June 2023 questions arose about issues regarding CT DOT approvals and septic infrastructure. In response to the issues raised, the following steps were taken.
 - a. ET stated that a useful meeting with the CT DOT was held with Atty. Sweeney and DOT representatives including Joseph Oulette, Executive Director, State Traffic Administration. Mr. Oulette said overall the proposed changes (in the master plan) to Halls Road are possible. They would need to comply with DOT standards for sidewalks, cross walks, landscaping, lighting and traffic

flow.

- b. The Town engaged CLA Engineers to conduct a soil review report for the community to understand soil conditions pertaining to septic infrastructure of the Halls Road District. Their report is due at the end of September. Developers will be fully responsible for any improvements to their infrastructure needs.

DC asked when the HROD would be resubmitted. It was agreed that finalizing the plan for the Trails & Bridge project with community input was our current priority and when that was further along HRIC can propose to the BOS and ZC to resubmit with specific additions/changes to the HROD that have been requested and/or arrived at from further investigations.

5. Adjournment approved at 8:10