

## **Weston Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee**

**Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 12:30**

**Commission Room, Weston Town Hall**

**Present:** Ray Rauth (Chairperson) Carolyne Hynes , Julie Sidhu (recording)

**Guests:** Mark Mainieri, Nancy Rosett, Cynthia Fowx

**Chair's remarks:** Ray attended the Parks and Rec Commission meeting Monday 3/9. The commission is very concerned about safety issues in town, as are we. Ray shared with the group our goals, past and future work.

Trail related issues: At Rays's reappointment hearing, first Selectman Gayle Weinstein expressed the towns willingness to consider trails on any town own land, in particular a bicycle loop at Bisceglie. Also considered for the future are trails in Fromson /Strassler and a bike ride, possibly on Housatonic Trails (Trumbull)Ray continues to work with David Brandt of Aspetuck land Trust on the Upper Weston cross connection trail. We will hike this further when the snow clears.

**Guests: Mark Mainieri** is the steward of the Katherine Ordway Preserve in town gave the committee an update of trail conditions and the history of the preserve. This is a little known Weston treasure. It was decided that we should join forces to promote and plan a trail walk of approx. 3-4 flatish miles to add to our series "Weston Walks" for National Trail's Day on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Julie will contact schools regarding education opportunities. Carolyn will co-ordinate publicity once we have our details together. Cynthia noted it was too late to get it into the CT Forest and Parks Calendar publication, but will forward information . [www.CFPA.org](http://www.CFPA.org)

**Nancy Rosett SCBC:** Nancy was the 2<sup>nd</sup> president of Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club and is chair of Community Relations. Nancy is an avid cyclist and bike ride leader and knows Connecticut roads well. She has worked tirelessly to make our roads safer and has worked collaboratively with her home city of Norwalk where we can all attest to great improvement in the last few years. Nancy's current focus is the "3' feet wide berth "signs and SCBC has several they are willing to donate to the town of Weston for free. Discussion was had as to the best way to do this and best placement. Signs can only be affixed to existing sign posts. Lyons Plains Road was deemed a good testing ground. A special meeting will be had on location. Tentative date Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Merritt Parkway Trail:** Nancy also updated the committee on the Merritt Parkway Trail. The group unanimously agreed to support this effort. Moved by Julie and seconded by Carolyn. All in agreement.

### **Weston Walks Series:**

Tom's "Rites of Spring " at Devil's Den is already under way. Next walk Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>. New walks (Katherine Ordway) and the possibility of a bike ride on Trumbull Trail considered. Date of Bisceglie Walk to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned 1:50p.m.