

**Halls Road Improvements Committee**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Old Lyme Town Hall**

**January 5, 2017**

**Present:** BJ Bernblum, Michael Perks, Frank Morelli, Lindsay Eisensmith, First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder

**Absent:** Diane Birdsall, Bud Canady, Michael Lech

**Guests:** Jon Curtis, RiverCOG, Ray Thompson

**Call to Order:** Chairman BJ Bernblum convened the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

**Approval of minutes of December 1, 2016**

*A motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Michael Perks, seconded by Frank Morelli. So voted.*

**Discussions:**

- *Chairman opened a discussion with the committee about potential new members and a process to invite, interview, and ascertain willingness and commitment level.*
- *Report and Discussion of Sub-committee meetings.*
- *Jon Curtis presented a recap of the first public input focus sub-committee meeting. Committee members in attendance were Michael Lech, Michael Perks, Lindsay Eisensmith. Jon Curtis of RiverCOG, and First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder.*
  - *Steering Committee will be formed with 10 to 20 actively involved Lyme / Old Lyme community members to be nominated by the subcommittee*
  - *Development of a presentation and group activities to engage steering committee in determining priorities.*
  - *The next meeting will focus on*
    - *hardening up ideas & agenda items*
    - *list of nominees/ invitees*
    - *categories / priorities for discussion at first group*
    - *Before and After photos*
    - *Frequently asked questions*
    - *Jon Curtis will revise Steering Committee Agenda to reflect suggestions*
    - *Lindsay Eisensmith will reach out to Mike Lech to set a date next focus group meeting*

*Received 4/3/17  
Ellen H. Coffey TC*

➤ *Request for Qualifications (RFQ) committee (chaired by Frank Morelli, includes committee members Bud Canaday and Chairman Bernblum) has no updates.*

➤ *Jon Curtis gave an update on funding sources:*

- *Our grant application to the RiverCOG was not given priority, however all proposals were submitted to the state so there is now an awareness of our project.*
- *The LOTCIP Program is our next opportunity.*
- *Jon will compile a list of other grant opportunities.*
- *Jon will update and resend the "next steps & timeline."*

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, January 5, 2017

**Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Lindsay Eisensmith and seconded by Michael Perks, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lindsay Eisensmith  
Secretary