

**Halls Road Improvements Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Old Lyme Town Hall
October 5, 2017**

Present: Bennett (BJ) Bernblum, Lindsay Eisensmith, John Evans, Frank Morelli, First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, ex officio

Absent: Bud Canady

Call to Order: Chairman BJ Bernblum convened the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes of August 10 and September 7, 2017: upon motion duly made by John Evans and seconded by Ray Thompson, these minutes were approved as drafted.

There was discussion of the following matters:

1. Michael Lech has resigned from the Committee due to a conflict of interest. Michael Boardman, an IBM attorney residing on Sill Lane, will be approached regarding his possible interest in the Committee. Bonnie will invite Heather Gagnon, Chair of the Economic Development Commission, to attend our meetings.
2. Issues discussed at our focus group meetings have included mixed use development, waste water disposal, retention of Old Lyme's identity, replacement for the bow bridge over the Lieutenant River, and the possibility of creating a micro-grid.
3. The Yale School of Architecture maintains a Yale Urban Design Workshop that works on similar projects. BJ will reach out to the group to explore whether they might be a resource for the Committee.
4. The Chamber of Commerce will hold a breakfast meeting at Town Hall on November 9, at which a Halls Road presentation and discussion will be held. Bonnie and Jon Curtis will lead the program, with an introduction by BJ. Additional focus groups to consider before holding open public meetings are Old Lyme government boards and commissions, neighboring businesses, and real estate agents and bankers.
5. Additional avenues of public input may include social media, such as the Town's website, a Committee website, a Facebook page, and Survey Monkey, as well as a Comcast program at Comcast's shopping center location.
6. The Committee will need to pursue funding sources in the new year, most immediately to pay for the retention of consultants. Grants may be available, including those for a traffic management study that facilitates evacuation in the event of an

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emergency. A presentation and request should be prepared for the Board of Finance during its 2018 budget hearings.

Upon motion made by Frank Morelli and seconded by Ray Thompson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennett J. Bernblum