

**Halls Road Improvements Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Old Lyme Town Hall
May 11, 2017**

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

Absent: *Michael Lech*

Guests: *Guests: Jon Curtis (RiverCOG)*

Call to Order: *Chairman BJ Bernblum convened the meeting at 7:03 P.M.*

Approval of minutes of April 6th, 2017

*A motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Ray Thompson, seconded by Bud Canady. **So voted.***

Discussions:

- *Bonnie Reemsnyder shared "He Walks the Walk" an article featured in The Day based on a report by Ray Rauth entitled "A Walk in the Suburbs"*
<http://www.bikewalkct.org/uploads/1/1/8/5/11852691/routeonereport.pdf>
 - *"(Ray) Rauth, a believer in building communities by getting out and around in them, took it upon himself to walk the length of Route 1 in Connecticut. He suspected that impenetrable intersections and lack of sidewalks and bicycle racks and routes were hurting the state's sense of community and thus its future appeal."*
<http://www.theday.com/article/20170508/OP01/170509389>
- *Discussion of potential new members, specifically those in real estate. The steering committee being developed by Focus Group subcommittee will feature stakeholders representing a variety of community interest groups/ categories and may generate new regular members as well.*
- *The Public Input Focus Group presentation will feature current issues with Hall Rd, and demonstrate particular areas/ details we want the group to notice and brainstorm elements that will improve the experience.*
- *The draft of presentation was presented for review and comments, which will be incorporated and re-circulated for review and comment prior to 5/19/17.*
- *John Curtis gave an update on upcoming grant opportunities and funding sources. Our next grant application is to the Office of Policy & Management (OPM); deadline is June 23rd. The focus for 2017 is "responsible and transit oriented growth", for which our*

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project is a good fit.

- *The zoning commission could set standards for future development on Halls Rd to be consistent with the Master Plan; new applications could potentially be sent to HRIC for review prior to approval.*
- *Chairman asked for next steps and ideas for April meeting agenda*
 - *The Public Interest Focus Group will continue to revise the presentation and offer a “dry run” of the presentation at our next regular meeting.*

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 2017. 6:30pm

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Michael Perks and seconded by Lindsay Eisensmith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Lindsay Eisensmith
Secretary