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CO-CHAIRPERSONS:

Cathy Granucci
Mary Mushinsky, State
Representative

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**Minutes of Meeting
May 4, 2023**

Item 1: Call To Order

The QRLTAC was called to order at 7:12

Item 2: Guests and New Members

Tom Knight, Guest

Item 3: Approve & Accept Minutes from April 6, 2023

Motion: Fred; **Seconded:** Arleen **Motion:** Passed

Item 4: Co-Chairs Announcements

Mary was unable to attend because of the Connecticut legislative session.

Lyman Hall students, Dave, and Mary spread some of the mulch and wood chips on Saturday, April 22. Dave and Mary lopped shrubs and installed trail markers on Sunday, April 23. Wood chips and trail markers are two-thirds done.

Meriden is planning a trail on Research Parkway, which is being promoted as a connection to Wallingford. There does not appear to be a feasible connection to eth QRLTAC, as it is over three miles away.

Cathy and Mary co-signed a letter to the Meriden Associate City Engineer, see the text of the letter below.

We need a new popup tent for Celebrate Wallingford

The QRLTAC received a generous \$5,000 donation from Amphenol Corporation.

Item 5: Town Engineer Report

Not presented

Item 6: Sub-committee Reports

Treasurer's report

Corporate Operating: \$7,328.01

Construction \$12,291.43

Item 7: Public Q & A

None

Item 8: Other Business

Item 9: Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Item 10: Adjournment

The QRLTAC adjourned at 7:44 PM

Motion: Jonathan; **Seconded:** Arleen; **Motion:** Passed

Text of letter sent by the QRLTAC Co-chairs:

Emile Pierides, P.E.
Associate City Engineer,
Meriden City Hall
142 East Main St.
Meriden, CT

April 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Pierides,

The Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Advisory Committee exists to create a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle path along the Quinnipiac River which will run from Wallingford's border with Meriden to the town's border with North Haven. As of April 2023, we have promoted, fund-raised and assisted our town to build 2.25 miles of trail (Phases I, II, III). Phase III a, a bridge to Route 150 in Yalesville, is now in permitting stage. We have also applied for design funds for Phase IV to connect to North Haven. We have long planned to connect to Meriden's trail system through the Quinnipiac River corridor (Phase V) and have expressed our interest through occasional meetings with our trail allies in Meriden and North Haven.

We appreciate and applaud any effort to build trails that the public can use to get outside and we admire the multiple phases the City of Meriden has already built in the Quinnipiac Gorge, Phase 2 along Hanover Pond, and future phases the city plans to build along Harbor Brook and Phases 3, 4 and 5. While we don't object to Meriden's proposal to build a multi-use trail from Meriden to the Wallingford line along Research Parkway, we caution that we don't see any way to connect the linear trails of our two towns using the Research Parkway proposal. It is located at a much higher elevation and 3.2 miles to the east of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail. It appears that the proposed Research Parkway Linear Trail route will not provide a connection between our towns' linear trail systems.

Sincerely,

Mary Mushinsky
Co-chair, QRLTAC

Cathy Granucci
Co-chair, QRLTAC