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**CO-CHAIRPERSONS:**

Cathy Granucci
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Minutes of Meeting March 7, 2024

Item 1: Call To Order

The QRLTAC was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Item 2: Guests and New Members

Daniel Massameno, Sam Massameno, Maria Bruno, Richard Pasicano (sp?)

Item 3: Co-Chairs Announcements

Cathy discussed the upcoming Spring Clean Up. Priority tasks are edging, weeding and cleaning up the gardens at the labyrinth and Fireworks Island, and cleaning up and spreading chips on the side trails. Secondary tasks include cutting back vines along the trail and side trails, spreading/sweeping stone dust on the labyrinth, and trash pick-up.

Cathy has not yet heard back from Public Works about our request for wood chips, mulch, stone dust or fabric. It was suggested that we use Kraft Paper instead of fabric, should be cheaper and potentially better at reducing weeds. Mary suggested asking a student in the Master Gardener program to design a pollinator garden or full-sun garden at Fireworks Island as a class project. Cathy suggested looking at River Bound Farm in Cheshire as a good example of a small garden.

Labyrinth Day is May 4. Members were asked to think about ideas for a celebration.

Mary explained that two graphic artists are interested in creating the sign for the Community Lake entrance. Suggested dividing the funds available in the Rotary grant between them, one artist to work on the map and the other on the text. The Bicentennial Trail could use a boardwalk along a short area that is typically muddy -- possibly a Boy Scout project?

Mary was contacted by a vendor who has a number of Stanley-type water bottles; he offered to put our logo on them if we buy for \$17 each. Mary will follow up.

We are now enrolled in the Wal-Mart Front Door program; hopefully some funds will be coming our way.

Item 4: Town Engineer Report

No report.

Item 5: Sub-committee Reports

Treasurer's report: \$10,000 from the construction account was deposited into a 7-month CD certificate with an interest rate of 4.75%; interest in the amount of \$20.38 has been earned since February 14. The money market savings account balance is \$1,202.84, having earned \$33.14 in interest. The operating checking account balance is \$7,358.49.

Item 6: Public Q & A

Mary and Cathy will follow up with the Town Engineer re status of next steps for the bridge construction project.

Item 7: Other Business

Joellen mentioned two films to be shown at the Wallingford public library: (1) The River Speaks about pollution in CT rivers on April 23 at 7pm and (2) Spring Bird Migration to be shown on March 26. The Library has also restocked its seed catalogue.

David Bedell talked with United Concrete about potentially using part of their property to link the main trail to North Plains Industrial Road. We would probably need either an easement or sale of that property as it is anticipated to get heavy usage.

Item 8: Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Item 9: Adjournment

The QRLTAC adjourned at 8:20 pm

Motion: Sally; **Seconded:** Joellen; **Motion:** Passed