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**CO-CHAIRPERSONS:**

Cathy Granucci  
Mary Mushinsky, State  
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**Minutes**

**September 3, 2020**

**Wallingford Town Hall**

**Room 315**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Item 1 Call to Order**

Regular meeting of the QRLTAC called to order at 7:03 PM

**Item 2 Introduction of Guests and New Members**

None

**Item 3 Approve Minutes from March 5, 2020**

Motion: Jonathan; Second: Larry; Motion: Passed

**Item 4 Co-Chair Announcements**

Dave, Joellen, and Fred have worked on the pollinator garden throughout the summer. Unfortunately, not any flowers survived the drought but there is a good foundation. Cathy suggested that the three become members of the open Environmental Design sub-committee.

Cathy suggested a meeting with the conservation committee, Park & Rec, and WPW regarding the invasive species. There is a lot of mugwort on the trail which is very deep-rooted. Long range planning is a large project too big for volunteers. There could be a grant or maybe even a local farmer could provide a herd of goats to eat mugwort, and have been used successfully to clear knotweed.

Erin O'Hare walked the trail and was happy with the state of the trail and the wildflowers.

A Lyman Hall senior involved with a conservation program at UConn is doing a project on the QRLT tracking pollinators, tracking wildlife, and taking inventory. Suggested that she produce a movable display, with plaster casts of animal tracks.

The winter carriage ride would need to be significantly modified; Cathy asked the committee for feedback about whether it is possible to hold the event.

The autumn clean-up is needed, WPW did clear some of the brush that fell down after recent storm. It is suggested that the clean up be committee-only and take care of the bare minimum tasks. WPW mowed the area by the dogwoods, they did NOT mow the wildflowers. The Fireworks Island mulched areas are overgrown right now.

Sally noted there are many vines by the bridge, also some berry branches leaning over the trail.

Mary reported on grant expenditures and the remaining funds for DEEP and DOT connectivity grants. DEEP funds may be used for design, engineering, permitting and easement but not construction and DOT funds may be used for construction related to the connection of Fireworks Island through the easement to Main Street, Yalesville.

**Item 5 Town Engineer Report**

No report was given as no one from Engineering was present.

**Item 6 Subcommittee Reports**

- 1) Environmental Design: Open
- 2) Publicity / Financial: Balance \$3,235.83; Corporate Balance \$10,887.00
- 3) Grants & Applications: No new grants

**Item 7 Public Q & A**

None

**Item 8 Other Business**

None

**Item 9 Next Regular Meeting**

Thursday, October 1, 2020

**Item 10 Adjournment**

The QRLTAC adjourned at 8:00

Motion: Barb; Seconded: Arleen; Motion: Passed