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Thomaston Greenway Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 1, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. (called to order at 7:03 p.m.)

Location: Thomaston Town Hall – Lena Morton Gallery

Attendance

Members Present: Amanda Burch (Chair), Erin Boccardi (Vice Chair), Kelly Quinn, Lori Stevens, Cassie Gorman (Secretary)

Members Absent: Patrick Quinn, Michael Sweeney

Call to Order

Chair Amanda Burch called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kelly Quinn, seconded by Erin Boccardi, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Elm Street Project & Greenway Integration:

Discussion continued regarding the Elm Street Project and the inclusion of the Greenway. Members reviewed updates on design, potential easements, and public response.

- It was noted that while some grant funding (RAISE) was cancelled, the Greenway project itself remains active with other funding opportunities under consideration.
- Committee members emphasized the importance of public communication and transparency about the project’s benefits and ongoing planning process.

New Business

Community Outreach and Public Education:

Members discussed creating public informational materials to clarify misconceptions about the Greenway and its inclusion in the Elm Street Project.

- Cassie Gorman volunteered to assist with drafting clear and factual posts for social media.
- Erin Boccardi suggested preparing a brief summary document for distribution at town meetings.

Maintenance and Future Funding:

The committee reviewed questions regarding long-term maintenance responsibilities and potential funding sources.

- It was agreed that the committee will request updated cost projections from the town engineer at the next meeting.

Motions

- 1. Motion made by Kelly Quinn, seconded by Erin Boccardi, to change regular meeting dates to the second Thursday of each month beginning in August, pending room scheduling. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Motion made by Erin Boccardi, seconded by Kelly Quinn, to add Hillary Combs (Unaffiliated) as a new member of the Thomaston Greenway Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items

The following agenda items were tabled until the next meeting:

- Site Walk
- Endorsement Letters
- Merchandise Update

Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Gorman

Secretary, Thomaston Greenway Committee