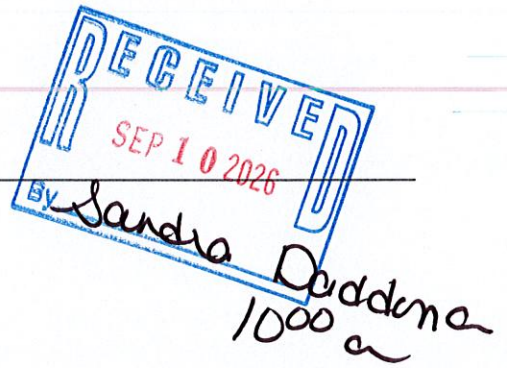


Thomaston Greenway Committee

August Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One



Attendance

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

Members Absent: Michael Sweeney, Austin Frank

Call to Order

Chair Amanda Burch called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kelly Quinn to table approval of the July 2026 meeting minutes. Patrick Quinn seconded. Motion carried.

Grant Updates

- Rec Trails Grant – The Committee discussed the \$150,000 grant awarded in December 2023. It has a three-year term. Aaron from NVCOG advised that an extension can be requested and will assist with preparing the necessary documentation.
- Rec Trails Grant – The Committee is still awaiting notification regarding its most recent application for \$150,000. An announcement is anticipated in the coming months.
- The three-bid waver was presented at the BOS meeting and brought to Attorney Rybak. This project is anticipated to combine available grant and bonded funds toward design work for the Greenway between Watertown Road and Elm Street.

Endorsement Letters

- The Committee will continue seeking endorsement letters in support of the Greenway project.

Site Walk / Regional Greenway Updates

- The proposed Waterbury site walk has been postponed. The Committee will revisit scheduling the site walk as time permits.

Updates

- Amanda Burch provided an update from the quarterly Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee meeting. Updates included the planned removal of the Kinneytown Dam and progress being made on Greenway projects in neighboring municipalities.
- The next meeting is scheduled for November.

CT DOT Micro Grant / Bicycle Safety Program

- The Committee confirmed receipt of its \$4,400 CT DOT Micro Grant funds.
- Plan is to purchase approximately 36 children's bicycles, 36 helmets and safety cones.
- The Committee had previously explored purchasing Guardian bicycles; however, attempts to obtain additional information from the company were unsuccessful.
- An extension to host the program was approved by NVCOG – tentative schedule for 11.07, 10am-11am
- Discussion ensued regarding building of bicycles, a suggestion to not build the bikes was presented and unanimously agreed upon

Action Items

- A Burch will talk to members of the town to put together a bicycle recipient list
- A Burch will talk to local PD/EMS to discuss the date
- All will find a location to host the event – preferably indoors due to date of event

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Quinn, seconded by Erin Boccardi. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cassie Gorman, Secretary