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**TOWN OF PUTNAM
Trails Committee
Minutes of a Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

Date: Tuesday August 27, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

The Putnam Trails Committee met for a Regularly Scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in the Board of Selectmen's Chambers, 3rd Floor- Town Hall at 126 Main Street, Putnam, CT 06260.

Delpha Very, Economic Development Director opened the first meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1.INTRODUCTIONS: Elaine Sistare, Putnam Engineer, Delpha Very, Economic & Community Development Director, Committee Members: Angela Kneeland, Timothy Oles, Michael Rocchetti, Scott Moorehead and Susan Phaneuf. Volunteers: Monique Wolanin of Quinebaug Community College, Lyann Graff of The Last Green Valley, and Jackie Lefevre, Admin. Assistant Putnam Economic & Community Development.

Ms. Very asked all Committee members if they have been sworn in at the Town Clerk's office, if not they need to do so in order to be full voting members.

2. Mission and Charge: A copy of the resolution, as approved by the Putnam Board of Selectmen, to Approve the Charge and Appoint Members to the Putnam Trails Committee was provided and reviewed.

3. Airline Trail Review: Elaine Sistare explained Putnam is assisting the Town of Pomfret who is presently constructing water/sewer line from Pomfret to the Putnam Wastewater Treatment facility. This Dept. of Energy and Environmental project supports Pomfret and Pomfret Rectory schools; as well as, Loos Company. Connection is scheduled to be online by October/November 2019. Elaine Sistare gave a presentation demonstrating plans and maps of the current Putnam trail projects. **Trail Crossings Improvements:** Trail crossings improvements will be at Modock Road, River Road and Town Farm Road. The Modock Road crossing will feature an under-road tunnel to allow walkers, joggers, bicyclists and horseback riders to pass. **Contract with Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection:**(DEEP) A \$ 60,000 grant with match of \$ 20,000 of in-kind service to develop a shovel ready plan. The plan would connect Putnam (near the pedestrian bridge-on the Quinebaug Ave side to Pomfret. Plan would include American Disability Act (ADA) recommendations. Ms. Very shared there was a 12 - town application opportunity; however, Putnam did not sign the contract. The Airline Trail connection overlaps the sewer project. She suggested a member of the RC&D be invited to a future meeting to explain what the progress is on this grant and what future opportunity Putnam may have to participate.

Consensus was to hold a meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month, changing the start time to 6:00 p.m. Next month's meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

4. Public Participation: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items to come before such meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by: Jacqueline A. Lefevre, Recording Secretary