



**Town of Oxford**  
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**Oxford Main Street Project Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**  
**12:30 PM - Virtual Meeting/Google Meet**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathleen O'Neil at 12:30 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Chairman Kathleen O'Neil, Vice Chairman Tony SanAngelo, Robbi Costigan, Recording Secretary Mary LoPresti, Tanya Carver, Mary Beth Nelsen

Absent: Treasurer Chrissy Kimball, Sue Kovacs, Pat Cocchiarella

Also Present: Jim Sanders, Casey Hardin (TranSystems), Aaron Budris (Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments), Jim Sanders (AllTrails hiking group), unidentified caller ending in xx63

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Recording Secretary Mary LoPresti moved to approve the November 24, 2020 OMSP Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. This was seconded by Robbi Costigan. 5 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Mary Beth Nelsen). Motion carries.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Prior to the start of the New Business, Chairman Kathleen O'Neil discussed the new CMAQ grant to extend the trail route and updated the committee on the work being done at the nature preserve site.

### **1. TranSystems Update**

Casey Hardin, TranSystems, introduced his PowerPoint presentation. Aaron Budris, NVCOG, updated the committee on routing options. Casey Hardin presented the following updates to the Oxford Main Street Project routing along CT Rt. 67 (Oxford Road):

- A. Review of survey results from October 8, 2020, with 80% of the residents indicating that there is a need for a safe walkway in town.
- B. Trail path to accommodate walkers and bicyclists with a 10' width and 5' road buffer.
- C. Evaluation criteria and how the criteria may be applied.
- D. Routing from Oxford Center to Quarry Walk. Chairman Kathleen O'Neil gave an overview of the Connectivity Grant, with the award issued to Grasso Co. This will be scheduled for the spring of 2021. Casey Hardin discussed that the preferred routing is to keep the trail on the south side of Rt. 67, with painted walkways at given points. Committee discussion regarding the preferred routing. Committee members agreed to keep the route on the south side of Rt. 67 with a pedestrian crossing at the Riggs Street traffic light to access Victory Memorial Park and hike to Naugatuck State Forest. Jim Sanders discussed the nine acres available to connect to the trail across from Quarry Walk. Casey Hardin will examine the feasibility of this.
- E. Larkin Trail Connection priority, with possible connection to Southford Falls State Park.
- F. Public transit accommodations, with an estimated 13,600 rides needed for the year. Discussion regarding expanding Valley Transit (VTD) and using the CMAQ Grant funding for this purpose.
- G. Next steps were discussed. A GIS tool will be available on the TranSystems website.

### **2. Chairman's Report**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION:**

Tanya Carver moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 PM. This was seconded by Robbi Costigan. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary LoPresti", followed by a horizontal line.

Mary LoPresti, Recording Secretary  
OMSP Committee Member