



## Meeting Agenda

Wednesday November 18th, 2015 - 9 to 10:30 am

Beacon Falls Fire House

35 N Main St, Beacon Falls, CT 06403

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### Let's Leave Today's Meeting With:

- Finalized Priorities
- Information about ongoing projects
- Information about website improvements and metrics

### 9:00 – Introductions / Welcome – Chuck Berger

### 9:10 – Trail Section Prioritization – Mark Nielsen

- [http://nvcogct.org/sites/default/files/NRG%20Section\\_Priorities\\_2015\\_10\\_23.pdf](http://nvcogct.org/sites/default/files/NRG%20Section_Priorities_2015_10_23.pdf)
- Review and discuss changes since last meeting
- Vote to accept as official?

### 9:25 – NRG Economic Study Update – Mark Nielsen/ Laura Brown

- MOA between UConn and NVCOG executed
- Grant reporting submitted, extensions granted (VCF, CCF – Dec 2016)
- Trail user survey and trail counts completed
- Press Release: <http://nvcogct.org/news/study-underway-assess-economic-impact-naugatuck-river-greenway-trail>
- Next Steps-
  - Data processing
  - Focus groups
  - Economic analysis – CCEA

### 9:55– Uniform Signage and Wayfinding Recreational Trails Update – John Monroe

- Milone and MacBroom selected as project consultant
- Project subcommittee will be called upon

### 10:05 – Thomaston/Watertown Recreational Trails Update – Chuck Berger/ Will Cummings

- Solicitation and selection process discussion

### 10:15 – Committee Round Table – projects and recent/ upcoming events

- Torrington – Torrington Walks! talk held in October
- Thomaston – Benefit calendar of historic carriage houses
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### 10:30 – Wrap-Up & Adjourn

- 2016 Meeting Schedule: January 13<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Locations TBD

“The Naugatuck River from Torrington to Derby is rich with history, stunning scenery and wildlife. Just as the river built and shaped our towns and cities, the Naugatuck River Greenway will be a driving force for the next century and beyond.

Our mission is to harness the vitality and protect the health of the river for economic development and quality of life for all.”

## **Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee**

Aaron Budris- Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments  
Bill Purcell - Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Bob Gregorski - Naugatuck River Watershed Association & Trout Unlimited  
Christopher Way - US Army Corps of Engineers  
Chuck Berger - Watertown Town Engineer  
Clifford Cooper - Litchfield Community Greenway  
Dave Faber - CT Outdoors (outfitter in Watertown)  
Elaine LaBella - Housatonic Valley Association Land Protection Director  
Fred Messore - Town of Seymour  
Ingrid Manning – formerly of CT Community Foundation  
Jack Walsh - Valley United Way  
Jim MacBroom – Milone and MacBroom  
Jim O'Rourke - Waterbury Y  
Jim Stewart - Naugatuck Borough Engineer  
Jim Whitney - Western CT Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Joan Kirchner - Harwinton Conservation Commission  
Jolene Podgorski - Watertown DPW  
John Monroe – National Park Service: Rivers & Trails Program  
Josh Carey – Connecticut Community Foundation  
Kate Rattan - CT DOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator  
Kathy McNamara - City of Waterbury  
Kevin Zak – Naugatuck River Revival Group & Housatonic Valley Association  
Laura Wildman – Princeton Hydro  
Laurie Giannotti - CT DEEP Greenways  
Mark Jewell – VHB, Inc (CT DOT)  
Maura Martin - Thomaston Trails Committee  
Mark Nielsen – Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments  
Mike Jastremski – Housatonic Valley Association  
Peter Kisselburgh – Thomaston Trails Committee  
Rich Minnick – Beacon Falls  
Rista Malanca - Torrington  
Sam Dziekan - Housatonic Valley Association  
Sam Gold - Emeritus  
Sheila O'Malley – City of Ansonia  
Susan Peterson - CT DEEP Watershed Management Program  
Vicki Barnes - Watertown - Steele Brook Rangers  
Vincent Gualtieri - US Army Corps of Engineers  
Vinnie Scarlata – Ansonia Economic Development Commission  
Will Cummings – Thomaston Trail Committee