

**Our Town-Our Future**  
**Core Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2024**  
**Virtual Meeting**

1. **Call meeting to Order** at 7:01 pm
2. **Members Present**-Maureen Hanink, Margaret Chatey, Dick Williams, Nora Galvin, Ray Fenn, Mike Gantick
3. **Approval of Minutes-December 4, 2023**-Motion by Williams, second by Galvin. Motion passed 6-0
4. **Communications and Announcements**--none
5. **Old Business**
  - a. **POCD and IID Zone Updates Info from P&Z**-Gantick gave an update that from conversation at the last PZC meeting that a letter is forth coming from PZC requesting that interested parties , Boards and Commissions provide feedback on POCD by May 31<sup>st</sup> . PZC still reviewing survey info on potential IID Zone regulation update
  - b. **Update- Ashfordctoutdoors.org.-** Galvin gave an update that the website link is now available on the LGV website( twice), the State’s Tourism site. The link is also now on the Town website under the Recreation heading. The committee discussed other ways to get the word out. New places suggested were articles in Neighbors and the Chronicle, leaving brochure info with the Henrietta House and at the Package stores, and trying to get link on or in Trail app and walking group social media forums . Also, contact info from the ABA could be used to send out link.
  - c. **Grants Update**- Gantick followed up with the First Selectwoman. They are exploring various options. He provided the First Selectwoman with the contact information of a couple of Grant writing Firms so contact could be made to find out how they work- Services provide;Do they charge up from;do they roll their fees into the grant if its awarded. Gantick also mentioned that he had received an email flyer on a potential “Active Micro Transportation Grant Program” from the DOT that has a focus on “funding for resources that advance safe, accessible, sustainable, and equitable walking, biking, and rolling throughout CT”. The grant is open to municipalities, Schools and non profits.. He passed it along to Nord Yakovleff (our local Bike advocate the Boy Scout Leader)who took the grant survey and indicated he applied for the grant.
  - d. **Project Updates**-none
  - e. **New Member Recruitment**- none

**6. New Business**-none

**7. POCD** – Gantick indicated he would send out a copy of the 2015 POCD with the OTOF areas of “responsibility/interest” to the Committee. Hanink mentioned the Dog Park project that had been discussed should also not be lost in the conversation . Further discussion suggested that the outcomes/ideas generated from the last Stakeholders meeting should become part of the POCD update as well. Gantick will forward info to Committee. Per conversation noted above, OTOF should review POCD for input to PZC over next couple of meetings. It was noted that while OTOF is mentioned in a number of the Goals and Objectives , the Committee should keep an open mind on anything else that might be relevant, new ideas or other opportunities the Committee would like to add to the POCD.

**8. Input from Public**- none present

**9. Member Input for Next Agenda**-none

**10. General comments**- Williams noted lots of activity a Midway so hopefully will open soon. Gantick will not be available for next two meetings. Will get agenda info out to Committee and Town Clerks Office.

**11. Adjournment** -Motion by Chatey second by Hanink to adjourn at 7:55 pm

Respectively Submitted by,

Michael Gantick  
OTOF Lead

February 6, 2024