

Pequabuck River Trail
November 20, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Raymond Rogozinski, P.E. Director of Public Works, called the meeting to order.

2. Presentation of Concept Plans

Raymond Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works, reviewed the proposed Pequabuck River Trail. The cities consultant making the presentation is Stantec. This project is to interconnect several of the city's key assets; Rockwell Park, Brackett Park, Memorial Blvd into the West End, to create a corridor that ties into downtown. The intent is to make a pedestrian and bike path to make it more of a destination. This also ties into the Route 72 DOT project and the streetscapes and west end realignment.

Travis Ewen, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting, presented an overview of the project and timelines for design phases to construction. The intent of the project is to connect from Rockwell Park down to Middle Street, providing these off-road opportunities for people to get close to the river and to connect the west end and downtown. This will be about an 18-month design process thru procurement and construction documents, with potential construction start in 2026.

Mayor Caggiano, stated that this has been a project coming for a long time and appreciates the work that has been done. Talk to your friends and family to encourage them to get involved in the process.

Raymond Rogozinski, P.E, Director of Public Works, stated we look at this as transformative project for downtown Bristol connecting the assets the city has and to make it a destination. There are some easements required in certain areas, getting environmental permits and potentially federal permits. We will look for grants for the project and we do envision this is a project that will be done in phases. At this time, we will open up to the public for questions.

3. Public Comment

Hilary, Stout, P.O. Box 270463, West Hartford, asked about when this will happen.

Raymond Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works, stated 2026 is when the design is anticipated to be complete.

Travis Ewen, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting, stated the survey will take about six weeks along with conceptual studies and in about two months' time we will schedule another meeting.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.