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## **MEETING NOTICE**

**Who:** Margerie Reservoir Trail Advisory Committee

**When:** **Thursday, May 21, 2026**  
**6:30PM**

**Where:** **Danbury City Hall – 155 Deer Hill Avenue**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Purpose:** Margerie Reservoir Trail Advisory Committee  
Meeting #17

*\*Original agenda Item on file with the Danbury Legislative Assistant & with the Town of New Fairfield*

### **Committee Members & Representatives:**

Holly Robinson, City Council Member, City of Danbury  
David Day, Public Utilities Superintendent, City of Danbury  
Corporation Counsel Representative, City of Danbury  
Ken Gucker, Alternate, Danbury  
Jeff Main, Conservation & Inland Wetland Commission, New Fairfield  
Peter Hearn, New Fairfield  
Ann Marie Mellas, Alternate, New Fairfield

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Minutes: Review and Approval
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation: Barton & Loguidice – Conceptual Feasibility Materials
5. Committee Discussion
6. Action: Acceptance of Feasibility Materials & Transmit to the City of Danbury and Town of New Fairfield
7. Adjournment

**Margerie Reservoir Trail Advisory Committee (Meeting #16)**  
**August 19, 2025**

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:37p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 in Danbury. Present were Committee Members: David Day, City of Danbury; Peter Hearn, New Fairfield; Jeff Main, New Fairfield. Absent was Ken Gucker, Alternate, City of Danbury and Ann Marie Mellas, Alternate, New Fairfield. There is one Vacancy on the Committee. Also present was Joseph Mortelliti, Outside Counsel, City of Danbury; and several members of the public.

Chair Robinson completed roll call.

***A motion was made by Member Hearn, seconded by Member Main, to add Progress Reports regarding the trail, progress reports #5 and #6 to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.***

Member Hearn spoke on the change to the format of the Progress Report and financial summary per the request of New Fairfield and the State.

Chair Robinson identified these reports as Item 1B.

**1. Minutes:**

***A motion was made by Member Hearn, seconded by Member Day, to approve the minutes from July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.***

**1B. Progress Reports:**

***A motion was made by Member Hearn, seconded by Member Main, to approve progress reports 5 and 6. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2. Invoices:**

Chair Robinson identified two additional invoices (11598, 11295) to be added to the agenda.

***A motion was made by Member Hearn, seconded by Member Day, to add the invoices to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.***

Member Hearn summarized the invoices pending committee approval and asked B&L to itemize the invoices.

***A motion was made by Member Main, seconded by Member Day, to approve the three invoices #12011, 11558 and 12195. Motion carried unanimously.***

**3. Communications to the Committee**

Chair Robinson identified communications from 155 New Fairfield individuals, 7 property owners, and 54 Danbury residents supporting the trail. The Lakewood Condominium Association noted 84% of

residents are now in support of the trail; opposing communications were also received expressing concerns with environmental impact, funding and maintenance, process and transparency. Chair Robinson explained that most of these concerns have already been discussed and addressed by the Committee

#### **4. Recommendations:**

Chair Robinson spoke on the completion of the Committee's duties to this point; and that the committee's findings will now be provided to the Danbury City Council and New Fairfield Board of Selectmen for review and action.

**A motion was made by Member Day, seconded by Member Main, to conclude the work of the Reservoir Trail Advisory Committee over the course of 15 plus meetings we have reviewed reports from DEEP, gathered feedback from residents and neighbors, and identified a preferred trail route. We recommend that project now be presented to the Danbury City Council and the New Fairfield Board of Selectmen for further action. Remaining steps such as permitting, public presentation on final design plans, issuing a construction RFP and construction itself should be coordinated by these governing bodies. With this motion the Committee respectfully submitted its recommendation, and suspends its advisory charges until and unless directed by City Council or the new Fairfield Board of Selectmen.** (Motion amended).

Member Hearn asked for further clarification of the recommendation. Chair Robinson confirmed that B&L have presented a preliminary plan and design of the trail. Final handicap compliance can not be done until materials are chosen which can not be done until the materials and costs are determined; which will require the governing bodies vote on pursuing a construction RFP.

Member Hearn suggested amending the motion be clarified to explain that the committee is recommending B&L's design plan as presented. Mr. Mortelliti confirmed the motions that can be made at this time.

**A motion was made by Member Day, seconded by Member Hearn, to amend the language in the main motion to include "the current B&L design plan".** Motion carried unanimously.

New Main Motion:

**A motion was made by Member Day, seconded by Member Main, to conclude the work of the Reservoir Trail Advisory Committee over the course of 15 plus meetings we have reviewed reports from DEEP, gathered feedback from residents and neighbors, and identified a preferred trail route. We recommend that the current B&L design plan now be presented to the Danbury City Council and the New Fairfield Board of Selectmen for further action. Remaining steps such as permitting, public presentation on final design plans, issuing a construction RFP and construction itself should be coordinated by these governing bodies. With this motion the Committee respectfully submits the current B&L design plan, and suspends its advisory charges until and unless directed by City Council or the new Fairfield Board of Selectmen.** Motion carried unanimously.

Member Day spoke on the need for addition needs to be identified including; adequate measures to assure water quality of the reservoir, a way to limit public access to the reservoir, Constructions costs and source of those funds, and a source for annual funds for operation and maintenance.

Mr. Mortelliti spoke on the purpose of advisory committees and ad hoc committees, and noted that this recommendation is not binding. The committee is advising, and traditionally governing bodies will make changes or amendments to plans. Member Main asked that this committee's members stay involved, specifically on the topic of materials.

Chair Robinson reiterated that this committee does not have jurisdiction over costs and the source of funds.

**5. Meeting Schedule:**

***A motion was made by Member Day, seconded by Member Main, to suspend any addition meetings of this committee unless and until directed by the Town of New Fairfield or City of Danbury*** Motion carried unanimously.

Member Hearn agreed that any further meetings are not necessary until next steps are established to address items still needing to be finalized.

**Adjournment:**

***A motion was made by Member Day, and seconded by Member Main, to adjourn.*** The motion carried unanimously.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Robinson, Chair; David Day, Jeff Main, and Peter Hearn.

Received by email on 5/4/2026 @10:54 a.m.  
By: Tricia Quinn, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield