



## CONNECTICUT'S COUNTRYSIDE

### STEERING COMMITTEE

### MEETING NOTES

**NOVEMBER 15, 2023, 2PM-3PM**

#### **Update on Video**

David Corcoran said Tod Kallenbach with DKA is making changes on the video based on comments from the last meeting. It should be in final format soon.

**Regional Committees update: Agriculture, Recreation, Arts and Culture** – Cynthia van Zelm said she is meeting with some members of the Arts and Culture Committee this week to plan the next Committee meeting.

**Nichols College/website** – Tim Liptrap has developed the basics for the website and modelled it after Mystic. The software is in place for the event calendar.

The next step is getting content as part of the request for proposals for website development.

**CT Countryside winter business education and networking forum** – The Committee decided to stick to two topics - AI (Tim) and utilizing the CTVisit website (Brenda Falusi).

Cara Workman confirmed that the Innovation Partnership Building is secured to host the forum on February 7. There is no charge.

Brenda will bring her laptop and her presentation and Tim's will be loaded on the computer.

The Committee discussed logistics for the meeting including time for the tour, allowing attendees to get further training on CTVisit at Hops 44, and letting people know they can attend social at Hops if cannot make it to the IPB.

**Summit** – No update

**Budget** – CT Countryside staff team will meet with town administrators on FY24-25 budget.

**4 Town Talk** –

**Coventry** – Tim said the Coventry Economic Development Commission is conducting business visits. Christmas in the Village is December 2

Bolton – Patrice Carson said Bolton has received two grants for new fields. Stephanie said there are several winter/holiday events going on in Bolton on December 2.

Tolland – David said the Tolland tree lighting is December 2. There have been many land use approvals. The Santini townhomes are underway. A car wash proposal will come before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Brenda said there are a few new pickle ball courts. The Tolland Festival of Lights will be November 25.

Mansfield – Cynthia said Winter Welcome is December 2.

**Next meeting is December 20 at 2 pm.**