

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities; Minutes for February 2016 Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Marbletown Community Center.

Attendees: John Morrow (Ulster); Ralph Durham (Hurley); Carl Pezzino (Marbletown); Steve Rice (Rochester); Terry Houck (Wawarsing)

Excused: Tim Weidemann, John Grossbohlin; (Kingston), Arthur Lukoff (Ellenville)

Excused non-voting: Chris White, Ulster County; Hank Alicandri, Minnewaska SP; Karl Beard, National Park Service

The meeting began promptly at 3 p.m.

Meeting change: It was decided by the attending members that the meetings should be moved to the fourth Thursday of the month to accommodate member and non-voting calendars.

Final on kiosk map. This map is now final after 5 meetings of both the Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee and our O&W Coalition committee. The initial print for the Leggett kiosk is being created for installation right now.

Kiosk map orders. Members were asked to bring orders for the map with location name and coordinates and what each map is to be applied to. Send pictures of where the map will go if possible. Longitude and latitude can be accessed on line.

Ralph said he has that info. And will send it along.

Carl is having six full size maps of the new Leggett road map printed for use by each voting member. If possible he will hand them out at the county trails meeting on Monday.

Status of directional signs. Terry was asked to bring an order for the signs he would like and how many? (The Kerhonkson trail group needs to be advised.)

Ralph and Tim have their signs painted and will install once the frost is out of the ground.

Steve is still working his signs. Carl asked Steve to take a picture of the brown stain can top with the mix formula on top. Carl will then purchase another gallon of stain for the new mile posts.

New Kiosks. Carl brought forward the idea of applying for a grant to duplicate the current kiosks along the trail. All at the meeting thought it was a good idea. All were asked to bring a list of places for new kiosks. Once all municipalities have signed on to the coalition we can then apply as a coalition for new kiosks. It was suggested that we find a local builder/carpenter to produce the kiosks. Carl will get the materials list needed to duplicate the current kiosks.

Kingston-Hurley Connector status. Chris supplied the following status via email.

I would offer the following update:

The County has completed the scoping phase of the project and intends to submit the Draft Design Report to the

NYS Department of Transportation in the next two weeks following some final revisions. As reported to the O&W Committee at the last meeting, the County has selected the O&W Alternative as the preferred route for the trail, which has now allowed the Planning Department to negotiate a Contract Amendment with Barton & Loguidice to complete the survey and final design of the trail for the O&W route.

The Contract Amendment and the SEQR Negative Declaration have been submitted to the Legislature and will be voted on at the March 15, 2016 session, which we expect will pass with no objection since we are not proposing to use the U&D Corridor. The project is currently still on schedule to complete design and ROW acquisition this year with construction to be completed by the end of 2017.

Best regards,
Chris

Coalition Agreement status. As of this writing Marbletown approved the agreement at their town board meeting on February 16th and the town of Ulster approved the agreement at their town board meeting on February 18th. Tim reported earlier via email that Kingston's mayor Noble has sent a memo to the City Council chair asking for approval of the agreement. Steve and Terry stated at the meeting that they are going forward to their respective boards for approval. We need a status from Arthur on Ellenville's position. Hopefully we can get approvals from all remaining municipalities by our next meeting in March. Each member should bring a copy of the approved agreement to our next meeting for archiving.

Other Business: Steve is working with the Rochester trail task force on providing a plan to connect the trail from Lucas Turnpike to Accord. More on this at the next meeting.

Terry is working on the Wawarsing Parks and Recreation committee, along with the village of Ellenville, to provide guidance on how to spend the estimated \$150,000 of the Ellenville million on parks and trails. More at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is on the fourth Thursday, March 24th at 3 pm at the MCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Pezzino