

All, below are the minutes. **Please read over and make any comments to me quickly.** I want to send them out to everyone, but thought it best that you review first. Also please comment on the chief officers nominating letter for alternates which is attached. If we all agree, you will need to take to your chief officer and get appointments signed by him. I do recommend that we have a first and second alternate appointed in order to have better voting representation at our official meetings. See discussion below. The "Coalition" version of the map is also attached.

Thanks all,
Carl

The first organizational meeting of the O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities was held on April 28, 2016 at the Marbletown Community Center at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by interim chair Carl Pezzino at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

Attendees: Tim Weidemann (Kingston), Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino (Marbletown), Steve Rice (Rochester), Terry Houck (Wawarsing). With five of the seven member alternates in attendance a quorum was met.

The meeting included the election of officers for the coming year.

Ralph Durham was nominated for **Treasurer** by Steve Rice and Seconded by Terry Houck. All were in favor, 5-0. Congratulations and thanks Ralph.

Terry Houck was nominated for **Vice Chair** by Tim Weidemann and seconded by Ralph Durham. All were in favor, 5-0.
Thanks Terry.

Carl Pezzino was nominated for **Chair** by Tim Weidemann and seconded by Terry Houck. All were in favor, 5-0.

The committee still needs to elect a **Secretary**. Volunteers from the alternate rep. list are respectfully invited to step forward.

Discussion was made on the following:

Ellenville representative. Terry checked in with Joe Stoeckler and was able to place the vote in favor of the agreement on Ellenville's first village board meeting in May. With the unavailability of Arthur Lukoff, Joe said that he would work with Terry on finding an alternate rep. for Ellenville, possibly with someone already on the Complete Streets committee.

O&W Coalition generalized map. Carl presented our O&W Coalition map representing all 7 municipalities. Minor changes were made to the wording under the COALITION logo; and the Greenline logo was moved directly to the right of Washington Avenue. These changes were approved unanimously by the committee. Carl had the map changed and it is

attached to these minutes. It is to be used anywhere (i.e. Municipal halls, community centers, etc.) in public settings. The committee asked Carl to order 7 durable hard copies of the signs, one for each municipality. He is currently checking on pricing and quality.

O&W Website. Discussion ensued on creating an O&W Rail Trail website. Tim immediately took action at the meeting and purchased a web address, at his expense, and it is now parked with the name The O&W Rail Trail.org. Carl subsequently sent the updated O&W map to Tim and he will arrange to have it as the first posting to the new website. Thanks for the quick action Tim.

Alternate reps. The committee in attendance asked Carl to create a formal letter to be submitted by each municipal chief officer for appointing a first and second alternate representative (it was decided that two alternate representatives per municipality would be worthwhile to provide for better attendance at our monthly meetings) with voting privileges in the absence of said chief officer. The copy of the letter is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Pezzino
Chair