

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – June 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Berme Road Park and the entrance to the O&W Trail behind the Little League Field in Ellenville. Our host was Terry Houck.

Attendees: Tim Weideman (Kingston), John Morrow and Gary Mulligan (Ulster), Ralph Durham (Hurley) Carl Pezzino (Marbletown), Terry Houck (Wawarsing). In addition, Sheldon Quimby attended the meeting. A quorum was met, no votes were taken.

The meeting started promptly at 3:00 pm. Terry proceeded to take us on a walk on the O&W from the Village of Ellenville septic system to the newly installed “tractor trailer” bridge approximately one mile North. All were impressed with the condition of the trail and the unique bridge. Wawarsing Highway is to be congratulated on this endeavor. We then returned to Berme Road Park to see the approach from the old D&H Canal locks down to the LL ball field which is the starting point for the O&W. We also viewed the old D&H business building which may be used as a tourist center in the future. Some discussion was held on how to include all this in our current map.

All along the way status of the O&W Coalition was carried on:

- o) John Morrow brought the signed copy appointing the Ulster alternates (#1, John Morrow, #2 Gary Mulligan). Carl welcomed Gary and he was introduced all around. Carl signed Ulster's appointment letter and returned it to John.
- o) John M. and Gary said that the Town of Ulster routed welcome signs should read “WELCOME, T/ULSTER, O&W RAIL TRAIL”. Carl will proceed to have two of these signs routed out for painting and posting by John and Gary at the Ulster town lines at Hurley and Kingston along the trail.
- o) Ralph will have the mile marker K2/E25 placed where he and Carl measured its placement along the current paved portion of the Hurley O&W Trail.
- o) Tim will get with John Grossbohlín to discuss when they will be installing the Kingston signs that they already have made up.
- o) By these minutes Steve Rice is asked when he intends to have his signs (already routed out) painted and installed along the Rochester O&W Trail.
- o) Ralph reported that, through investigation, the best way to control finances is through a simple checking account. We need to get an EIN number. Ralph and Carl discussed asking an elected municipal official to be the EIN holder and checking account signee for the O&W Coalition. Carl will try Mike Warren of Marbletown first.
- o) Carl reported that he had stopped by the Ellenville Village municipal hall prior to our meeting. He inquired about the status of Ellenville's membership. Michelle Booth informed him that Ellenville intended to vote on it this coming Monday night. Terry said he will also be attending that meeting and would follow the proceedings. Hopefully two alternates from Ellenville will also be assigned.
- o) The meeting adjourned at 4:45 with thanks to Terry for hosting. It was then decided to have another “field trip” meeting on the fourth Thursday in July (the 21st). We will meet at the newly approved right of way with the prison in Napanoch. Carl will get with Terry for meeting point and directions to

follow. See you all on July 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Pezzino, Chair.

(We still need a secretary to volunteer!)