

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – September 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Marbletown Community Center (MCC) at 3:00 pm.

Attendees: Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino (Marbletown), Lonnie Coplen (Ellenville) Karl Beard, National Parks Service. Due to last minute unexpected absences by Kingston, Ulster, Rochester and Wawarsing alternates, a quorum was not met and no votes were taken.

o) The meeting started at 3:00 pm.

o) The July 28th minutes were not approved as there was no quorum.

o) Carl introduced Lonnie Coplen as the representative for the Village of Ellenville. We were pleased to have Lonnie at the table, and were glad to spend time with her explaining a little more of what the Coalition is trying to achieve. Welcome Lonnie!

o) Ralph gave the financial report. One new membership fee was received from the City of Kingston. This brings the total in the Ulster Savings checking account to \$2505.00. We have heard from Terry Houck that Wawarsing Town Board will meet this week and approve the \$500 initial funding fee for the Coalition. Ralph gave Lonnie a copy of the Coalition fee invoice for the Village of Ellenville and she said she was planning on seeing Jeff Kaplan regarding payment.

o) Wayfinding status. From last month's minutes....Terry Houck and Hank Alicandri may order some more signs to be routed for Wawarsing. There was a discussion about placing our routed out wood O&W signs at the Kerhonkson parking area. Terry and Hank are going to talk to the Kerhonkson Historic committee to discuss how we can work effectively with them to do a good job on wayfinding signage in that area. Awaiting a response.

John Morrow reported earlier via email that the town line welcome signs for the Town of Ulster have been finished and installed at either end of the town lines between Hurley and City of Kingston. John Grossbohlin reported via email that he has routed out posts for installation electronic counters on the Kingston line sign posts. Installation is expected shortly.

As per the August minutes, Carl has contacted Steve Rice regarding their already routed signs that need to be cleaned, painted and installed. He has not heard back from Steve as yet. Carl will reach out to Steve again.

o) Map updates. As per the August minutes, it was decided that a map update should be held in abeyance until the spring when hopefully there will be more progress on the resurfacing of the trail through the prison, and all O&W signage is up and complete in all municipalities.

o) Greenway Brochure Grant status. The grant application was completed and sent out prior to the September 9th deadline. It was applied for by the Town of Marbletown with the Coalition as co-applicant. As per last month's minutes, Carl requested some financial support for the brochure from Ulster County Tourism (Rick Remsnyder). Rick came back very quickly and will support 50% of the cost for printing (approximately \$1300). All were pleased with this support from UC Tourism.

o) We had expected to get an update from Chris White on the Kingston Connector. Unfortunately Chris was unable to attend this month's meeting as he was called away by Mike Hein for some urgent

planning work. We look forward to an update from Chris at our October meeting.

o) The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next meeting will be October 27th at 3 pm at the MCC. The chair will try to organize a “field trip” , if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Pezzino, Chair.

(We still need a secretary to volunteer!)