

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Marbletown Community Center (MCC) at 4:00 pm.

Attendees: John Grossbohlhlin (Kingston) John Morrow, (Ulster) Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino, Mike Warren (Marbletown), Terry Houck (Wawarsing), Lonnie Coplen (Ellenville) with 6 of 7 municipalities in attendance a quorum was met.

o) **The meeting was opened at 4:00 pm.**

o) **The January 26th minutes** were approved unanimously without comment on a motion by John M. and seconded by Terry.

o) **Financial report.** Ralph reported that the month end January 2017 balance in the Ulster Savings checking account is \$3505.00. No expenses were incurred in January 2017. With a motion by Terry and second by John M. and a unanimous yea vote, the treasurer's financial report was approved.

o) **Wayfinding status.** Still awaiting additional new sign order from Wawarsing/Ellenville.

Mile markers at the northern most section of Rochester are painted and ready to be installed in nicer weather. Hopefully before our next meeting. Need a plan from Rochester for installing wayfinding signs, stop signs and half mile bird house marker post at intersection with Kyserike Road and the trail next to Williams Lumber. Carl to contact Steve Rice.

Still need a wayfinding plan at Kerhonkson parking area and Rochester/Wawarsing town line there.

John Grossbohlhlin reported that, with the routed out posts for installation of electronic counters on the Kingston line installed, the welcome signs have been received from Tim Weidemann and should go up on these same posts before the next meeting. John G. will get in touch with Tim Weidemann to discuss installation.

At the end of the meeting Carl proposed that the wayfinding plan be formalized as follows; stop signs on the trail at all road intersections, Welcome signs at each city, village, town line, bird houses with O&W medallion at each halfway point between mile markers as half mile indicators. Double arrow O&W signs between bird house mile markers and mile markers to indicate quarter mile intervals. All of the above to assure users they are “on the trail”. This concept to be voted on at our March meeting.

Additional discussion should also follow on consistent Kiosk design.

o) **Greenway Brochure Grant status.** The final draft of the new Coalition brochure was okayed by all at the meeting. (Subsequent to the meeting Carl and Coalition member Brooke Pickering-Cole from Marbletown met and Brooke volunteered to do a final edit of the text for accuracy.) The team then discussed how to proceed with the printing. It was agreed to await the completion of the Eastern prison section now under construction and then add that portion to the red line of the map in the brochure indicating that portion of the trail is open. Subsequent to the meeting Carl relayed this to the printer Lane Press and they agreed to hold the August 2016 price until we give the okay to print....hopefully by May 1st.

o) **O&W Rail Trail completion discussion.** Subsequent to the meeting Carl spoke with Hank Alicandri and Hank reported that work on the trail on Eastern Prison property has begun. The Wawarsing Highway Department is be doing the work. They have a 30 week window with DOCC to get the job done. The grubbing and surfacing of the trail and installation of split rail fencing on this 1.2 mile part of the O&W is an important component of our trail's completion. It is hoped for an early completion so that it may be added to the brochure map in a timely manner.

o) **Project Worksheet Proposal.** The the project work sheets are being edited by the groups from each municipality. The Kingston Connector and Brochure worksheets are up to date and are being sent along with these minutes. Hank Alicandri has volunteered to fill out the Wawarsing/Ellenville worksheets with assists from Terry and Lonnie. It is requested that the other project leaders (Marbletown, Rochester) fill out their worksheet forms before the next meeting. When completed we will have a combined plan of how to complete the trail and a firm basis on which to market it.

o) At the end of the meeting it was decided to meet at Rochester Town Hall to see the location of the trail there. Carl will contact Steve and Carl Chipman to secure a meeting room there.

o) The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Next meeting; Thursday, March 23rd at 4 pm at the Rochester Town Hall. Please mark your calendars.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Pezzino, Chair.