

## **O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – March 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the town of Rochester conference room in Accord at 4:00 pm.

**Attendees:** John Morrow, (Ulster) Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino, Mike Warren (Marbletown), Carl Chipman (Rochester) Terry Houck (Wawarsing), with 5 of 7 municipalities in attendance a quorum was met. In addition, Bob Anderberg of OSI attended the meeting.

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

o) **The February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 February 2017 balance in the Ulster Savings checking account is \$3505.00. No expenses were incurred in February 2017. With a motion by Terry and second by John M. and a unanimous yea vote, the treasurer's financial report was approved.

o) **Logoed hats.** It was decided to place an order for 12 O&W Rail Trail hats embroidered by Kenco. Color to be beige or khaki. Cost is about \$15 per hat paid for individually by member.

o) **Municipal trail committees.** As suggested in our original municipal agreement, the subject of individual municipal trail committees was brought up. These committees are needed to keep the trail cleared and open to the public as well as installing signs and planning for improvements to the municipality's O&W trail. Such a set up has been successful in Hurley and Marbletown. Carl C. said he would see if members of the HARP group in Rochester would be interested in setting up just such a committee. Terry said he would see how Wawarsing feels about it.

o) **Right of way at High Falls train station.** At Bob's suggestion, Carl P. will contact the residential owner of the train station to see if she would be amenable to formalizing the right of way there into a non-revokable ROW.

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 but again delayed due to recent recurrence of winter weather. John M, Ralph and Carl volunteered to install these markers as well as the K02 marker in Hurley. Hoping for installation before the 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. Awaiting reply from Steve R.

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

Awaiting better weather to install the Kingston signs as well.

As originally suggested at our February meeting, Carl P. 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. Also white painted hash marks on the road and street names at road intersections. All of the above to assure users they are safely “on the trail”. Carl C. moved the motion

that was seconded by Terry. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Consistent information kiosk design will be discussed at our April meeting.

o) **Greenway Brochure Grant status.** As per February's minutes, it was agreed to await the completion of the Eastern Correctional 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. The printer, Lane Press, has agreed to hold the August 2016 price until we give the okay to print....hopefully by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

o) **Project Worksheet Proposal.** All projects were discussed at the meeting. A short discussion was held to review Hank Alicandri's thought to change the nomenclature of the projects to "sections", rather than "connectors". However, after discussion, it was decided to leave it as originally proposed, ie. "connectors" for mainline projects and "spurs" for off chutes from the mainline. Subsequent to the meeting Hank provided new Project Worksheets for W01, W02 and W03 and E01. **All worksheets and the summary list are attached to these minutes for review. The chair has made updates from discussion at the meeting and asks that they be reviewed and further updated by the project leaders. Send any changes back to Carl P. for review at our April meeting.**

o) At the end of the meeting it was decided to meet at the Marbletown Community Center (MCC) at 4 pm on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.

o) The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**Next meeting; Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at the MCC.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Pezzino, Chair.