

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – May 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the town of Marbletown's Community Center in Stone Ridge at 4:00 pm.

Attendees: John Grossbohlhlin (Kingston), John Morrow, Gary Mulligan (Ulster) Ralph Durham (Hurley), and Carl Pezzino, with 4 of 7 municipalities in attendance a quorum was met. (Note, Terry Houck was called away unexpectedly to a meeting of a Wawarsing Town Board subcommittee.)

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

o) **The April 23rd minutes** were approved unanimously without comment on a motion by John M. and seconded by Ralph.

o) **Financial report.** Ralph reported that the month end April 2017 balance in the Ulster Savings checking account is \$3537.00. No expenses were incurred in April 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.** Carl again brought in the logoed hats embroidered by Emily at Kenco. Everybody loved them. So far of the 18 hats ordered 12 have been sold to coalition committee members. Price \$15 per hat paid to Carl P. (Carl P. paid for all the hats in advance.)

o) **Municipal trail committees.** As suggested in our original municipal agreement, the subject of individual municipal trail committees again 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. **No new news on this subject from the municipalities without trail committees and Carl P. will drop this discussion from the next meeting but still hopes for some action from the towns of Rochester, Wawarsing, the Village of Ellenville and the City of Kingston.**

o) **Right of way at High Falls train station.** At Bob Anderberg's April meeting suggestion, Carl P. contacted 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. **He has now heard from her and hopes to meet with her the next time she is up from NYC..**

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 and Spring rains. Hoping to install these by next meeting. **Carl to contact John M. and Ralph to form a work party to get K13 and K14 installed before the next meeting.**

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

Kiosk plans from the most recent Eagle Scout project at Rest Plaus Road were reviewed at the meeting. No discussion as to new kiosks that are needed at parking areas from Williams Lumber and south to Ellenville.

o) **Greenway Brochure Grant status.** With the continued delay in the completion of the Eastern Correctional section of the trail now under construction, it was decided by a 6-0 vote to add the new

portion of the trail from the Ellenville sanitation building to the point that is finished past the new trail bridge (1.2 miles) to the current brochure map in solid red. Also the area south of 42nd Street in Kerhonkson to Route 44/55 (.8 miles) will be shown as rough area will be portrayed in dashed red colors. This was first discussed with Terry by cell phone just before the meeting. It was then reviewed at the meeting by the attendees where an icon of an airplane was added to the map where the Ellenville airport exists. Subsequent to the meeting our designer added all these changes to the brochure map final copy and **Carl P. has requested that Terry, Hank Alicandri and Lonnie Coplen get back with final approval of these Ellenville/Wawarsing changes to Carl P. to properly add this portion of the trail to the brochure map. Carl P. will then have the changes made and the brochure printed.**

o) **Municipal trail reports:** John Grossbohlen reported on extensive work he has been doing to clear the Kingston, Ulster and Hurley connector area. Nice job John G! **Ralph to get with the Hurley Highway department to do more mowing in support of John G.'s work.**

The High Falls bridge project appears to be on schedule for opening by the end of June. This will allow access from the O&W entrance/exit at the north side of route 213 eastward across a ten foot wide boulevard on the north side of the new bridge into the hamlet of High Falls.

The beavers continue to be a nuisance in Marbletown's Marcott North part of the trail. **Carl has asked Marbletown highway department to allow for some drainage of the beaver pond and removal of the debris at the south end of the pond behind the bench located there. Subsequent to the meeting this was accomplished by the highway department.**

o) **Project Worksheets.** Some projects were discussed at the meeting, however, with little worksheet activity to report Carl asked that the worksheets sent out with the April minutes be updated for the June meeting scheduled for June 22nd. **Please reply to Carl before the June meeting with any progress on your particular worksheets.**

o) The next meeting will be at Marbletown Community Center (MCC) at 4 pm on June 22nd. Please mark your calendars.

o) The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. (Moved by John M., seconded by Ralph)

Next meeting; Thursday, June 22nd at 4 pm at the MCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Pezzino, Chair.