

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – June 22, 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), Carl Pezzino (Marbletown) and Terry Houck (Wawarsing); with 5 of 7 municipalities in attendance a quorum was met.

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

o) **The May 25th minutes** were approved unanimously without comment on a motion by Gary and seconded by John M.

o) **Financial report.** Ralph reported that the month end May 2017 balance in the Ulster Savings checking account is \$3537.00. No expenses were incurred in May 2017. With a motion by John M. and second by Terry and a unanimous yea vote, the treasurer's financial report was approved.

o) **Logoed hats.** John M. made a motion that the remainder of the logoed hats, a quantity of nine, be bought from Carl for a total of \$125 and used to give to active board members and those volunteers and supporting persons of the O&W at no cost to the individual. **Ralph will cut a check to Carl.** It was acknowledged that the hats are excellent vehicles to get the O&W Rail Trail logo in front of the community and visitors alike. Future orders will be handled in the same way with the charges to produce them being picked up by the Coalition. The motion was seconded by Terry and carried unanimously.

o) **Trailkeeper Motion.** John M. also brought forth a motion that members of the Coalition should be known as O&W Trailkeepers. Ralph seconded the motion. A brief positive discussion followed and it was unanimously agreed to use this terminology.

o) **Municipal trail committee Reports.**

Kingston: John G. reported that he has continued clearing trees along the Central Hudson part of the trail in Hurley. Following his work there, the town of Hurley highway department has mowed the trail up to (and a little past) the town of Ulster line. John also stated that several work parties from the county Probation dept., organized by the D&H, have made progress in clearing the trail.

John G. has requested support of the City to help with maintaining the Kingston portion of the trail, but has not made any headway in this area. However he did report that small ramps were placed on either side of the road into Pointe of Praise, at the trail right of way, by Kingston DPW.

The mile marker K0/E27 has been placed behind the Ulster Savings building near the Schwenk Drive entrance to that building. John received great support from Ulster Savings in making this happen. The marker is in the area where the O&W train round house once existed. Also, John has requested a mile marker post at the entry to the trail in Kingston behind the Super8 be labeled K 0.2 / E 26.8. The marker has since been created by USHECO (at no cost) and is **awaiting pickup by John G at Carl's house.**

Ulster: John M. and Bill Manley led the team of Carl P. and Ralph in installing mile markers K13 and K14 in the town of Rochester. While there it was noted that the trail was in need of drainage and

mowing. **Carl P. contacted Carl Chipman and Steve Rice requesting support in this area.**

Hurley: Ralph has received the support of the Town of Hurley for clearing and mowing the Kingston Connector section that is in the Town of Hurley. Carl P. noted that this is the kind of support needed by every municipality in maintaining our O&W Rail trail.

Marbletown: The highway department has assisted the trail committee in opening up the beaver pond dam to ease the pressure on the trail itself. With the water lowered the beavers are back reconstructing the dam; hopefully to a safe level. The highway department has repaved the Leggett Parking lot with filings from nearby town road repaving operations. Scheduled mowing continues all along the Marbletown portion of the trail. The committee has further widened the trail from Leggett Road south to Rte. 213.

Rochester: No report available.

Wawarsing: Highway department work continues on the opening and stone paving of the Eastern Correctional Facility (ECF) new right of way. It is hope that this 1.2 mile section will open soon.

Ellenville: No report available.

o) **Greenway Brochure Grant status.** The final draft of the brochure has been sent to the printer after final approval of the changes made to the southern portion of the map were received by Terry, Hank Alicandri and Lonnie Coplen. 7,000 copies of the brochure will be printed at first, **and distributed to the municipal trailkeepers by Carl P.;** with a second run of 13,000 copies made after the ECF right of way 1.2 miles from the DOCC can be formally added to the map.

o) **Project Worksheets.** There were no new updates to the project worksheets. **Please reply to Carl before the July meeting with any new progress on your particular worksheets.**

o) **New Business.**

o) The committee asks Steve Rice to put us on copy of the recent and future D&H Alliance meeting minutes; and also asks that those of us who are now members of the D&H be advised of meeting dates. **Carl P. will contact Steve.**

o) John G. was asked to get any rail trail presentations that are available that discuss the value of trails both in health and economic terms. **John G. said he thought they existed and would get with the county and other groups to see what they had.**

o) The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. (Moved by John M., seconded by Ralph)

Next meeting; Thursday, July 20th at 4 pm at the MCC. (Moved up from July 27th.)

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Pezzino, Chair.