

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – February 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the town of Marbletown's Community Center in Stone Ridge at 6:00 pm.

Attendees: John Grossbohlhlin (Kingston), Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino (Marbletown); Mike Baden (Rochester); with 4 of the 7 municipalities in attendance a quorum was met.

o) The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm.

o) The January 24, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously without comment on a motion by Ralph and a second by Mike.

o) Financial report. Ralph reported that the month end January 2018 balance in the Ulster Savings checking account is \$3162.40. No expenses were incurred during the month of January, 2018. With a motion by John G. and a second by Mike and a unanimous yea vote, the treasurer's financial report was approved.

o) Municipal trail committee Reports.

Kingston,Ulster,Hurley: John G. and Steve continue to work on keeping the trail open on the proposed Kingston Connector. Chris White provided the update to Worksheet K01 (Attached). Carl reported that he had just been on this portion of the trail and that the section from Hurley access to the connector to the Hurley town line looked excellent. It has been widened and mowed down due to efforts by Hurley Highway and the County work program.

Hurley: To provide more visibility, Ralph will look into mounting 2 of the 3 new brochure holders at the Esopus and Russell Road parking lots onto the adjacent kiosks.

Marbletown: Carl announced that a tentative agreement has been reached with a Rest Plaus road landowner for the acquisition of property that will provide for automobile parking at the trail head. **A land survey will begin soon, followed by a lot line adjustment agreement. It is hoped that parking will become available by the start of the summer 2018 season.** A new worksheet, M05, has been created to track progress. See attached.

Rochester: Town supervisor Mike Baden announced that Chris Hewitt will serve as second alternate on the Coalition for the town. Welcome Chris. **Mike will be meeting with Steve to understand what needs to be done to gain permanent trail right of way on the Williams Lumber property (see new project worksheet R02), and the best solution for closing the trail gap between Lucas Turnpike and town hall in Accord. Carl will send the 1916 O&W map segments as they apply to this area.**

There was no new news on having a trail committee for the town, but it continues to be under consideration. **Mike sent Carl the complete list of county legislators that represent portions of the trail. It will be used to copy these legislators on these minutes and as it applies to important O&W issues.**

Wawarsing: Hank Alicandri and Terry Houck reported via email that it has been discovered/verified that the small segment of land that lies between the Ellenville Wawarsing segment of the trail and the Eastern Correctional Facility (ECF) easement for the trail actually belongs to the Town of Wawarsing. **It is hoped that Wawarsing's Highway Superintendent will tie this into the work he is completing**

on the ESF easement. This new news will be referenced in the W03 worksheet.

Ellenville: See above Wawarsing report from Hank and Terry.

o) Greenway Brochure Grant status. The second round of copies of the brochure and map were distributed to the attending members after the meeting. John G., Ralph, Carl and Mike each received a box of 900. **Carl will arrange for distribution to Ulster, Wawarsing and Ellenville. Members are asked to distribute their left over copies of the first run now. Don't forget your local restaurants and retailers.**

o) Project Worksheets. It was decided at the January meeting to send all worksheets that changed or were added to all members with that month's minutes. They are attached after being updated. **Please reply to Carl with any new progress on your particular worksheets.**

o) New Website. The new website has been delayed, but we should have a first pass by the March meeting. Updates for various segments, i.e. the map, list of coalition members (without contact info.), O&W history, trail rules and requests, sister trails, etc. have been provided to the designer as starting points.

o) 1916 O&W Railroad Maps. Carl now has the thumb drive of these maps(35 in all) which is available to all of our members. Ulster County also has the original on file. This is great news as this will preserve these valuable historic maps forever and they can be easily shared by all who are interested. They are very valuable for finding old culverts that have been covered up and overgrown. Carl has sent out some maps that have been requested by members.

o) Mile markers. Carl still needs to buy 4x6 pt posts at Williams Lumber for markers K27 to K16 (E0 to E11) and take them to USHECO for routing. Ellenville, Wawarsing and Rochester teams will then stain the posts and paint in the letters for future installation as the trail is completed. Posts will be paid by the Coalition checking account, routing is gratis from USHECO.

o) New Business:

- 1) Carl has asked Chris White for a short presentation on the status of the Kingston Connector at our March or April meeting.**
- 2) Per the Coalition agreement, officer elections must be held next month (March). Let Carl know if you would like to run for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. Or if any current officers do not want to run.**
- 3) By unanimous vote the members present requested that 36 new hats be purchased for presentation and recognition of the many O&W rail trail supporters. The hats will be distributed equally to the seven municipalities. Carl will contact the vendor and place the order.**
- 4) The newly updated Coalition member list is also attached.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting; Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 6 pm at the Marbletown Community Center (MCC)

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Pezzino, Chair.