

O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities – March 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), Gary Mulligan (Ulster) Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino, Eric Stewart (Marbletown); Mike Baden, Chris Hewitt (Rochester); Hank Alicandri (Ellenville/Wawarsing) with 6 of the 7 municipalities in attendance a quorum was met.

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

o) **The February 28, 2018 minutes** were approved unanimously without comment on a motion by Mike and a second by John.

o) **Financial report.** Ralph reported that the month end February 2018 balance in the Ulster Savings checking account is \$3162.40. No expenses were incurred during the month of February 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. wrote and extensive report on the condition of the trail along the proposed Kingston Connector at this point in time. It is copied in the K01 project work sheet, attached. **Carl has contacted Chris White to ask if he can present the current status of the Kingston Connector at April's Coalition Meeting (April 26th). Unfortunately, Chris is currently swamped with Hudson Valley trail and Ashokan trail construction activities. He apologized for not being able to present but hoped that he might be able to attend and present at our meeting in July. So our April meeting has now moved back to the MCC.**

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

Marbletown: Carl announced that the land survey regarding the proposed parking lot on Rest Plaus Road has been reported to the landowner. **Once total agreement on the survey is confirmed between town and land owner a lot line adjustment will be processed by the town. It is hoped that parking will become available by the start of the summer 2018 season.** The new worksheet, M05, is also attached.

Rochester: Town supervisor Mike Baden reported status of R01 (Rochester Connector) and the R02 (Williams Lumber Easement). I was unable to get the details down of his report but hope that he will be able to update the R01 and R02 worksheets by our April 26th meeting.

There was some discussion on having a trail committee for the town including members of the Kerhonkson Fire Department. It continues to be under consideration.

Wawarsing: Hank Alicandri reported on project work sheets W01, W02, W03 and E01. Once again I was unable to get all the details that Hank reported. I have asked Hank to summarize his report on the the project worksheets and will present same at the April 26th meeting.

Ellenville: See above Wawarsing worksheet reports from Hank and Terry.

o) **Greenway Brochure Grant status.** 900 second round copies of the brochure and map were distributed to members Gary Mulligan and Hank Alicandri. Carl delivered another 900 copies to County tourism at their Rondout offices. Another 7,000 copies will be delivered to Carl by the printer next week for distribution again to all the municipalities at our next meeting..

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. As already discussed 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 yet again, but we should have a first pass by the April 26th 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. **Mike Baden made a full copy from the thumb drive after the meeting and then John G. took the thumb drive with him for him to copy. He will return it at the April meeting for others to use.**

o) **Mile markers.** On the week of April 9th **Carl will buy the 4x6 pt posts at Williams Lumber for markers K27 to K16 (E0 to E11) and take them to USHECO for routing.** Carl has confirmed that USHECO will do this as a community gift at no charge. Carl will deliver the routed posts to Wawarsing Highway and the 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 for by the Coalition checking account, routing is gratis from USHECO.

o) **More O&W Hats:** Carl confirmed that he has ordered 24 more hats from KENCO at a cost of \$10.00 plus tax each. They have now been picked up and **will be distributed at our April 26th meeting.**

o) **Bi-annual Elections:** Per the Coalition agreement, officer elections were to be held at this meeting, however time ran out. **Please 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. Carl confirms that he will run for chair for one more year.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting; Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6 pm at the Marbletown Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Pezzino, Chair.