

**O&W Trail Coalition Meeting, July 25th, 2018 at 6 pm at the Marbletown Community Center
MINUTES**

Present: John Grossbohlín (Kingston), Gary Mulligan (Ulster) Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino and Eric Stewart (Marbletown), Terry Houck (Wawarsing). With 5 of 7 towns attending, a quorum was met.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

May Minutes: (There was no meeting in June.) With a motion by Terry and second by Gary the May minutes were unanimously approved.

Financial Report : Ralph reported that the organization has a balance of \$2,746.20, with no financial activity for the months of May or June. The report was motioned for acceptance by Eric and seconded by Terry. All were in favor.

Signage: Terry reported that work on mile markers E0-E11 was completed by USHECO (routing) and Town of Wawarsing (staining and painting). The 12 posts will be stored temporarily by the Town of Wawarsing for installation as segments in the towns of Rochester, Wawarsing and Ellenville are completed. This means we have mile markers for all 27 miles of the trail. (16 installed and 12 ready to go.)

Website: Carl reported with a demonstration of the website. All gave it the okay for this stage. Now corrections and updates need to be made. So the work on the website is still progressing. A date of Mid September has been set for formal update to the net. We need someone to host the website. Eric suggested the possibility of Marbletown.

Brochures: There is one box of extra brochures to be distributed to Wawarsing/Ellenville. They are in the Marbletown Community Center Annex building and may be picked up at any time weekdays from 8 am-4 pm at the Recreation Center office there.

Hats: Ulster and Wawarsing and Ellenville each received their final additional 3 hats at the meeting. Hats are to be given to folks who support the trail, at the discretion of the municipal members. Carl showed the team the hats that Marbletown had made for their trail committee members. They are the same as our new O&W hats with "Marbletown O&W Trailkeeper" printed across the back in an arch. These hats were paid for by the Town of Marbletown and will be given to active Marbletown Trail Committee members only. Cost was \$13.50 including embroidery. Those interested in purchasing O&W similarly customized hats for their municipal team may do so by contacting Carl.

Trail Segment Reports

Kingston: John reported that he reopened the Kingston Connector all the way to Hurley by using a large walkbehind brush mower that he rented for \$120. It took almost 9 hours to complete. Thanks John! This may be the new way to keep this part of the trail open until the Kingston Connector is completed. John is a member of the D&H Alliance and as such is insured by them and allowed to do this work under their right of way access agreements with Ulster Savings and Central Hudson..

Chris White provided the following report via email regarding the Kingston Connector property appraisals; "I don't have any updates other than we received appraisals and appraisal reviews for the Kingston Rail Trail project, which we have rejected due to multiple errors by the subconsultant."

Hurley: Ralph reported that the entire black top area of the Hurley O&W trail, approximately 2.2 miles, has been seal coated. It looks great. Mowing continues on schedule.

Marbletown: Carl reported that graffiti continues to be an issue on the Cottekill to Leggett portion of the trail. Several signs have been replaced. The silo front door was also graffitied again and has been repainted over. The potential for parking at Rest Plaus Road is back on the front burner, with the agreement of the landowner, final property lines are being drawn by the surveyor and paper work is in process. The silos at Cottekill have been planted with Boston Ivy. They are already growing very nicely. The Town Highway Department has mowed the sidewalls of the entire trail with their large, tractor attached flail mower. Subsequent regular mowing has widened the trail considerably.

Rochester: No report was available. The committee asked Carl to contact Mike Baden to see if it might be a good idea to ask Dan Johnson, who works for Williams Lumber, to contact the Williams family about formalizing the right-of-way along the western side of the Kyserike yard.

Wawarsing/Ellenville:

Roschester Town Line to Eastern Correctional Facility (ECF) north boundary (W01)

Terry reported that the final design has been received for this 4.2 mile project. The report is about a foot thick!

ECF Easement Section. (Project number area W02)

Terry reported that the work being done by the Wawarsing Highway Dept. to resurface the trail along the prison easement continues, however the going is slow given the recent heat and rainy conditions.

Next meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, August 22nd at 6 pm at Wawarsing Town Hall. (Carl and Terry will arrange.)

Adjournment: At 7:20 with motion from John and second from Ralph, all agreed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Stewart, Secretary and Carl Pezzino, Chair