

**O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center**

**o Meeting called to order: 3:05 p.m.**

- o Attendance: Karl Beard, Ralph Durham, Jessica Phelan, Jill McLean, Flynn O'Connor, Kristin Wilson**

**o Treasurer's Report: \$3,186.20**

- o Dues may be required again soon.**

**From the agenda items:**

- The brochure, funding sources and post meeting updates.**
  - o Marian has been updating the brochure. We asked the group to review the final updates.**
  - o We reviewed photos that are in the brochure. The Coalition agreed they like them and not to make any changes.**
  - o Everyone agreed.**
  - o In the past, Ulster County Tourism and Hudson River Greenway programs have contributed funding for the brochure. Kristin will reach out to her colleague, Lisa Berger and Jill will reach out to Hudson River Greenway.**
  - o We are looking forward to placing a brochure order soon. We will get an estimate on 5,000 brochures and possible reformatting fees for the updates, and we will send that information out to the group. There are more kiosks than there ever have been!**
    - Post meeting: Kristin spoke to Lisa at Ulster County tourism. Lisa reached out to us and Ulster County Tourism is interested in continuing to fund the brochure. Jill sent an email to the contact provided by Karl, Beth Campochiaro, at Hudson River Greenway as well. Beth advised us to apply for a Trail grant that is opening in July.**
  
- The website**
  - o [www.Theoandwrailtrail.org](http://www.Theoandwrailtrail.org)**
  - o The QR code for the website is currently in the brochure and soon it will be on all new kiosk signs. The cost of the website is \$770 for three years. Marbletown's proposal is that all 7 municipalities representing the Coalition contribute to the**

website. \$110.00 each.

- We are asking the Coalition to help us update the website. Please bring updates that you would like to see to the next meeting.
- The website offers trail users a method of communication through the word press platform. We often get reports through this.
- Electing a secretary. We will re-visit this at the next quarterly meeting.
- New business
  - Ebikes-
    - WVRT has a speed limit of 15mph
    - Class 1 and 2 are allowed in NYS
    - Class 3 is only allowed in NYC
  - Trail counters
    - Town of Marbletown should think about applying for a greenway grant for trail counters.
    - Karl shared his data that there has been a whopping 1.3-1.4 million visits to Ulster County Rail Trails.
    - Karl suggests we make a proposal for counters at all our of trail heads. There are no counters from Town of Rochester to city of Kingston. We would like to come up with a map of where they are currently.
    - TrafX- Simple counter. Hyde Parks Trails have this counter.
    - Eco-Counter- Reliable and accurate. Many trails have this data driven counter.

#### **o Segment reports**

**City of Kingston – Tim Weidemann - Please send in trail update**

**Town of Ulster – Gary Mulligan- Please send in trail update**

**Town of Hurley - Ralph Durham** – Ralph reports he was awarded Greenway grants for new kiosks. Broken bollard at hurley trail head.

**Town of Marbletown – Jill McLean** – The team has been working on map and brochure updates. Interested in expanding Cottekill parking area.

**Town of Rochester – Flynn O’Connor** – Flynn reports the picnic area at the Berme road entrance of the trail has been revitalized. Discussing parking at Williams and that section of trail. Flynn will follow up with Erin about the idea of making a few parking spots out front of Williams’ gate on Town property.

**Town of Wawarsing – Hank Alicandri- Please send in trail update**

**Village of Ellenville – Hank Alicandri- Please send in trail update**

- **New Business**
  - **Karl reports there is a statewide trail conference in October. Visit the PTNY.org**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.**