

## **O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at the Marbletown Community Center**

**Coalition Member Attendees: John Grossbohl (Kingston), Ralph Durham (Hurley), Carl Pezzino (Marbletown), Mike Baden (Rochester), Flynn O'Connor (Rochester) Hank Alicandri (Ellenville and Wawarsing -called in on telephone), John Morrow (Town of Ulster), Gary Mulligan (Town of Ulster).**

**Guests: Mary McNamara; Water Trails (Esopus & Rondout Valley), Brian Slack (Ulster County Transportation Council), Jill McLean and Jessica Phelan (Marbletown Youth and Rec)**

- **Meeting called to order at 3:05 P.M.**

### **From the Agenda items:**

#### **o Treasurer's Report: Ralph to report.**

A sum of \$3146.20 is in our account. 6 out of the 7 municipalities have paid. We are waiting on Kingston. Carl reports, the Town of Marbletown paid Marian McCorkle for the design changes on the new brochure.

#### **o Guest Presentation from Mary McNamara; Water Trails (Esopus & Rondout Valley)**

Mary is working on the lower Esopus Creek and watershed. Mary is eager to see if there is opportunity to intersect water entry with the rail trails. The group looked at our map together showing Esopus and Rondout Creeks. Multiple uses of the trail is encouraging. The vision is that we grow together. Carl suggested Mary could sit in on our meetings.

#### **o Quick status on County Wayfinding grant (Brian Slack)**

All work is consulted out by the County. There are two plans in ahead of ours. They hope to get started on ours, within the next year. We will stay connected with Brian. He will contact us with public outreach plan.

#### **o Quick status on OSI Kingston to Port Jervis strategic plan CFA (Bob Anderberg)**

Carl reported, he will get with Bob Anderberg to get more information about this plan. It looks very promising.

## **o Municipal Project Status and other items to report**

### **City of Kingston**

#### **K01: Work on the "Kingston Connector" status (John Grossbohl, Dennis Doyle)**

No word that anything is settled. Thought that they would have the easement in place by end of September or October. They are working with Central Hudson to put a temporary trail in. There are many moving pieces, they are not anticipating anything being built this year.

Nothing new on the Freeman building. John took down signs by the Thruway bridge and has the sign at his house.

Google maps- There are sections of the O&W on google maps that need editing. John has tried to change certain sections so they exist on google maps but will need some help. He recalls it being the section of 209N. ? We really need to get those segments on the map. Jill and Jess will work with Michelle on this. John has made several changes to Kingston. North of Stone Ridge is good on google maps. South of Rest Plaus and in certain areas of Cottekill Road also need to be looked at.

#### **Town of Ulster (John Morrow)**

##### **Other Items.**

No news was reported but anxious to see Kingston Connector completed.

#### **Town of Hurley (Heather Hirsch and Ralph Durham)**

#### **H01: Hurley new Landscaping by DOT along 209 near current berms (Ralph)**

6 patches of pollinators are completed. There are two north of Russell Rd and 4 south of Russell Rd. South of Russell Rd blank spaces need planting.

##### **Other Items (Heather)**

Ordering new brochure holders. Carl requests possibility of upgrade of O&W kiosk South of South parking lot.

#### **Town of Marbletown (Carl Pezzino and Jill McLean)**

#### **M04: O&W at Rte. 213 East to proposed Creek Walk (Jill)**

Funds are available. Coordination with D.O.T required for R.O.W. from Lucas light to Cairo-Davis Bridge. Marbletown reports, Creek walk will need signage. There is

a right of way there. Legal clean up, signage are required. ST/LT.

**M07: College Connector from SUNY Ulster to Main Street Stone Ridge status (Carl)**

The parking lot at rear of Ridgewell Gym is completed and lined. Marbletown Highway Department will start trail soon. It took 3 years to get the connection to the college. Carl and Bob Johnson (Sunny Ulster) are working together on signage there. The college will have a sign and Marbletown will have a sign on Marbletown end. Municipal parking lot behind the gym will be a trail head. We have municipal agreement for the highway to go in and build that trail and waiting of the college for their sign off. We may be using item 4, but we would like to use Ashokan trail mixture. This is all at the expense of the Town.

**Other Items**

**Eagle Scout Projects**

- o New signs for College Connector
- o Bicycle “fix it” station at Cottekill south by silos

**Town of Rochester (Mike Baden and Flynn O'Connor)**

**R01: O&W Rochester DeJaeger Road to Accord O&W Trailhead Connector**

Was discussed. No News to hang your hat on.

**R02: Williams Lumber new right of way required.**

Flynn to check out.

**Other Items (Mike and Flynn)**

**New Drainage Williams Lumber to Marbletown town line (Flynn)**

Mike reports, Bob Anderburg approached Town of Rochester and rescue money may be applied to overhaul 3.5 mile section from Accord Town Hall to Kerhonkson section, 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Mike will update the Town Board.

To get Lucas Ave. connection to Accord they have 3 landowners that would have to sign off.

Mike reports there is a new owner of the Grainery. They would allow the trail?

Mike will send us the press release for the Trail walk and talk that Bill Merchant will be hosting from Accord to Kerhonkson. The span is about 3.5 Miles.

Carl asked if there was any news about the Williams right of way, Flynn said, he will ask

OSI if they can help, mainly with the survey

Flynn has been working on the drainage to Williams. Flynn reports that Williams gave a huge donation of screened fill. Thank you Williams!

**Town of Wawarsing (Hank Alicandri, Terry Houck)**

Hank A. attended via cell phone but really had a bad connection.

**W01: Wawarsing Northern Section. (Hank)**

**W02: Eastern Correctional easement. (Hank)**

**Other Items (Hank, Terry, )**

Carl will ask Hank where Wawarsing is at with this.

**Village of Ellenville (Hank Alicandri, Mike Warren)**

**E01: The Village section from the sanitation plant to Berme Road Park. (Hank)**

Hank was excited to report that the county will put over 2 million into our trails. (O&W and Walkill Valley, as reported by Mike B. previously.) Hank reported that the Trails advisory council, in the town of Ellenville ( Sewer plant to Berme Rd park), has submitted their plan, and town of Wawarsing is close to approval. They are working with Central Hudson and DOT for their final design. He will be working with Flynn to put miles posts in. Construction will start after they get authorization to proceed from the DOT. The mileage on this section is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  to a mile. Flynn has a Kubota with a post hole digger on it. Carl asking to be kept in the loop about putting the mile markers in. He could get some help from other coalition members. Hank signed off due to bad service at 3:15.

**New Business**

0 We need to elect a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer at next quarterly meeting.

0 Distribute new updated brochures

0 Next meeting January 2022

0 Other new news and business from the floor.

**Meeting adjourned 4:40 P.M.**