

Marbletown Trails Committee  
November 2, 2022  
6:00 p.m. @ Rondout Municipal Center

**Attendees:** Carl Pezzino, Ken Davenport, Alan Zapolsky, Jill McLean, Andy Lutz, Bob Vosper, John Michalski, Jessica Phelan, Kerri Vitek, Bill Eggers, Ron Peirce and Kristie Wikane.

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 p.m.

**We had some new faces at this meeting! Bill Eggers asked the committee to introduce themselves.**

**From the agenda items:**

**-Town of Marbletown approves Grounds Keeper in 2023 Budget**

- Grounds Keeper to start in January 2023
- This position will be under the supervision of Jill McLean and George Dimler
- Carl thanked John, Ron and Chris for all their hard work keeping the trail clear in 2022.

**-“Parks and Recreation” Organization support requested**

- Carl announced the following statement:

*Dear Town Board Members,*

*With the creation of the new Town Grounds Keeper position and the corequisite expansion of the Youth and Rec responsibilities, the Trails Committee requests the renaming of the Youth and Rec Department to The Marbletown Parks and Recreation Department.*

*By acclamation*

- Carl asked the committee for a vote by acclamation. The committee was in support of the statement without dissention.

**-Volunteer parking at Dave Smith crossing (signage required)**

- Youth (Parks) and Rec will work on this signage, along with the help of Shawn Marks.

**-MHD mowing at College Connector/gym trail head and Creek Walk – Thanks!**

**-2010-2022 Committee Project History (attached)**

- Carl compiled a list of Trails' accomplishments over the past 12 years.
- The committee then shared memories of past cleanups and landmark events.
  - Does anyone have any comments or additions?

**-Distribute hats**

- Thank you, Kenco, for another round of hats!
- We also handed out "Trail keeper working" signs for working on the trail. If anyone needs a hat or a sign, come see us!

**OLD BUSINESS and NEW PROJECTS**

**-Dead Ash trees @ 213 South Trailhead (MHD) and repair kiosk (committee)**

- MHD will clear and widen the trail leading to the kiosk so that the bucket truck can get in to clear the dead trees.

**-Stop signs at Damon and Boice crossings (Committee)**

- Youth (Parks) and Rec will get the posts and will need trail volunteers to install.

**-Painting bollard red at Cottekill trail head (Committee)**

## - Bridges of Marbletown O&W – Pictures the 4 Seasons (New Idea)

- Cottekill North
  - Cottekill South
  - Leggett North @ Damon Crossing
  - Leggett South before shed
  - 213 North of Sweitzer Home
  - 213 South @ Boices Crossing
  - Rest Plaus Trail Head
  - Rochester Town Line
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- Project inspired by *Bridges of Madison County*
  - Kerri will chair this project. Please send Kerri any photos you have, and she will create a portfolio. Kerri's email: [kerri@kerrivitek.com](mailto:kerri@kerrivitek.com) Thanks Kerri!!
  - Kerri also volunteered to help with websites and digital media.
  - Kristie suggested making a calendar with the photos. Great idea.
  - Discussion dealing with Michalski & Cottekill Fire District right of way led to investigation post meeting by Carl and Bill E. It was found to be made official (deeded) in 1996 with the Town of Marbletown being deeded right of way by both parties.

## Segment Reviews (Trailkeepers list attached)

- Segment reports
  - Marcott N- Jill and Jess report, just before beaver pond on the right small amount of debris. Jill and Jess found the bench broken after the bridge. They did a temporary bench repair.
  - Cottekill S- John reports: Arrow and "steep hill" signs and posts have rotted out. Jill and Jess went to check, and the post and signs were removed. Jill and Jess will work on getting a new post and the signs back up. Newly reported downed trees on this section. Carl will assess and report back.
  - John reports dead/scrawny trees past the silos at Cottekill.
  - Leggett S to 213- Trail is clear. There is a lot of downed firewood along the side of this section.
    - Jill brought up wouldn't it be great to cut wood and give it to someone/family in need!

- Ron and Jill state be cautious of the roots on the trail.
- Leggett N- There is a bird house down in this section. It will need repair.
  - Post meeting: Carl purchased a new birdhouse from Marbletown Hardware (to be installed).
- Rest Plaus N- Bill reports decking on the bridge is rotting. Jill contacted Scott Davis and will follow up on his assessment. Bill also states more erosion at the edge of the embankment by Benjamin Brook. Carl asked Youth (Parks) and Rec to have Scott Davis assess.
- Rest Plaus S- Jill and Jess reported a leaner on this section to highway (by Hansen's). The bridge before the town line needs gravel fill.
- Creek walk looks great. Thank you, highway, for mowing!
- College Connector- Trail is clear. We will be installing a bollard. Carl will talk to Don Steward from the college to see if they will remove the barrier near the college section. Zebra striping painted new arrows at the entrance of the municipal lot.
  - Carl reported post meeting that the Connector was blown clear of leaves by SUNY Ulster Buildings and Grounds.
- Ken Davenport brought up the idea of costs and repairs. With the immense amount of volunteerism on the trail it is hard to even think of how much some of these cleanups would cost. He suggested trail keepers keep a log or some sort of 'time sheet' with the hours and the projects completed on their segments.

Thank you all for a great meeting! We will be assembling a work party soon!

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 P.M.