

Marbletown Trails Committee minutes

September 28, 2023

6:00 P.M. Rondout Municipal Center

Attendees: Ron Pierce, Chris Schoonmaker, Jill McLean, John Michalski, Jessica Phelan, Bill Eggers, Kristie Wikane, John Hart and Oscar Velez

Called meeting to order at 6:15 PM

From the Agenda Items:

Segment Reports:

Rest Plaus South to town line

Jessica reports large leaner remains just before the Mill. Muddy and wet areas in this section. Section needs to be cut back. Jill has asked Highway to flail mow this section. Bill, Jess and Jill cleared a few down trees on this section.

Rest Plaus North to Rte. 213

After clearing up a down tree by the bridge, Bill reports this section is clear. Bill suspects drainage is blocked by a tree that is in the ditch south of Boice's driveway. Needs gravel fill here. Erosion above the large concrete culvert has created more of a "cliff". Bill would like to drop a tree to create a safety barrier here. The big bridge and the erosion on this section has been evaluated by Scott Davis, and we are awaiting his report and recommendations. **Kiosk repair at 213.** The team is eager to schedule a work party to fix the kiosk. Thank you, Trails Team!

Leggett South to Rte 213

Drainage/culverts may be needed past the barn on this section. One large rut and a smaller one on this section that will need gravel fill. Highway has been alerted to this.

Leggett North to K9 marker

Mr. Peirce reports stone is needed in this section. Water puddles from the rain. Litter has been removed. Thank you, team. Kristie reports that she has repeatedly removed stickers from our historical sign on this section. Thank you, Kristie.

Cottkill South to K9 Marker

Tressel hill/ Lilac hill is looking great. Thank you to Highway department.

Cottekill North

Cottekill Fire District is looking to work with the Town to install fencing to keep trail users from parking on the grassy area adjacent to the parking lot behind the firehouse. Kristie suggested adding signage at this trail head saying that there is additional parking at silos.

Marcott North to Town Line

Jess reports post @ stop sign is loose here at the trail head. Logging project across this section is complete. Jeremiah will fill sections that need resurfacing. Chris reports drainage needed north of bird house. Chris recommends that Highway put down some material. Large leaner has been taken care of.

College Connector: Clear. The surface here is very bumpy and weedy. Going forward we have to figure out how to control the weeds on this section.

Creek Walk: Two very nice benches will be installed at the Creek Walk. Parks and Rec will also install bollards to replace the temporary barrier on the opposite side of the falls.

Jeremiah's position

Battery operated tools were purchased via a grant. Would like to get a side by side or tractor in the future. Jeremiah will be made full time January 1st, 2024.

Ebikes

Need more information of regulations etc in NYS.

Updates to the contact list

You can find these updates reflected in the most recent Marbletown trails committee contact list. (attached here)

****Tentative special meeting date called for November 13th at 6pm.****

Agenda

- Elect a new chair.

Mr. Peirce moved to adjourn the meeting- 7:39pm

Jessica 2nd- 7:39pm

Meeting adjourned.