

Marbletown Trails Committee Meeting
August 14, 2018
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Rich Hines, John Michalski, Bill Eggers, Eric Stewart, Dan Proctor.

Call To Order: Carl called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

0 After some discussion about doing it ourselves, **the committee asked Carl to get in touch with Roger Wells to get an estimate for replacing the hand railing at Lilac Hill with pressure treated material.**

0 Jill and Sandy are looking at historical markers such as those found along the Hurley trail to be located along our trail. Jill McLean reported that she and Sandy Sheeley will get with Timely Signs to obtain pricing for historical markers in the style of those along the Hurley O&W. Carl suggested some potential spots: Hurley/Marbletown town line, Beaver Pond, Snyder silos, trestle bridge location, High Falls train station, Rest Plaus historic area, Hansen Grist Mill. **Carl spoke with Jill on 8/14/2018 and she will get with Sandy before our meeting in September!**

0 Carl and Rich cleared some small but problematic debris along the drainage ditch from the silos south on the week of 7/16.

0 **Rich will paint the back and seat slats (so recently graffitied) on the bench near the bridge at the brook north of Cottekill.**

0 The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge was to be upgraded on Saturday the 21st of July by Dan, Rich, Carl and John but it did not happen. **Two 14 foot 2x6's are required.** Also, a lower safety rail at the bridge at Lilac Hill was to be installed that day. **Five 14 foot 2x4's are required as advised by Rich.** Plans made to do this project this coming Friday August 17th also fell through. **We will try again later in August when the weather hopefully improves.**

0 Scott Davis is in the process of reviewing the safety conditions of all (7) the bridges along our trail. Carl saw Scott at town hall on the 14th of August. The review is complete, we can expect a report by next meeting.

0 The swap of land by lot line adjustment, that will allow for parking for the rail trail on the south side of Rest Plaus road, has been verbally approved by the land owner. **Bill Eggers will come up with final survey prints and language on the land and the town lawyer will be contacted to finalize the language legally. Dan and Bill will coordinate any discussions with the town planning board.**

0 The flail mowing of the sidewalls along the trail by the highway department is complete and there have been a number of comments from trail users on how wide the trail now looks. **Regular mowing of the entire trail continues. Thanks George, Scott and the highway team.**

0 Marbletown O&W Trailkeeper hats have been distributed to John, Rich, Reenie Hines, Eric, Carl, Andy, and Bill. Ask Carl for yours. Hats will only be distributed to committee members. Hats are paid

for, at a cost of approximately \$13 each, through the trail budget.

0 Thanks to Mother Nature, the Ivy plants around the perimeter of the silos are thriving. Recent rains have been helpful and no watering has been required to date. The plants appear to be doing very well. **No further hand watering will be needed.**

0 **The graffiti problem continues. The team decided that we will need to cover up or replace signs, milemarkers, benches and picnic tables that have been damaged. Nothing much can be done about the graffiti on stonework at Cottekill south or at the Rest Plaas historic abutments. Rich Parete will contact the sheriff's department to see if they have any suggestion.**

0 Now that it has been established in a survey by the adjacent property owner that the shed south of Leggett road sits entirely on town property, **the committee at the August meeting unanimously requested that the shed be moved by the owner if they want it, or be dismantled by the town through the highway department or contractor. Eric and Carl have stated this opinion of the committee to Supervisor Parete and the town board. Supervisor Parete has contacted the town lawyer about the next step. The committee decided that a letter addressing the problem and stating the above options should be written to the land owner with out further delay. Carl and Eric will followup again.**

New Business

0 **Carl informed the committee that he and Eric are attending the monthly meetings regarding the High Falls “master plan” led by Barton and Loguidice planners. The O&W will be an integral part of this plan when completed.**

0 **The committee approved a letter of support for the grant requesting funding for the design of a Gateway Center to be located in the new D&H Canal Museum. Carl will complete the letter and provide it to Kayla Atwood Deputy Director of the D&H Canal Historical Society.**

Our next regularly scheduled monthly meeting is the second Tuesday, September 11th at 7pm at the MCC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Pezzino, Chair