

## **Marbletown Trails Committee minutes**

**November 9, 2021**

**3:00 P.M. outside the Marbletown Community Center**

**Attendees: Andy Lutz, Ron Pierce, Chris Schoonmaker, Jill McLean, Sandy Sheeley, Rich Hines, John Michalski, Carl Pezzino, Jessica Phelan, Bill Eggers, Eric Stewart**

**Called meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.**

### **From the Agenda Items:**

- **Naming conventions on Trail**

- Carl is not interested in naming anything after anyone specific.
- The committee talked about the naming of the new trail in High Falls by the Rondout Creek. Of what the Town owns, the trail is about ¼ mile.
- The High Falls Conservancy has done a significant amount of work in that area. We acknowledge the work that they have done. They have requested to name the trail “Conservancy Creek Walk” Carl read the resolution that was written by the High Falls Conservancy to the group.
- Comments:
- Eric Stewart- High Falls Conservancy has done an amazing amount of work there.
- Sandy- Many people have done many great things; we can’t name everything after them
- Jill- Acknowledge them with a bench or a sign on the new trail
- Mr. Lutz asked, why are we discussing this? The agenda item was brought to Supervisor Parete, and he said it had to go in front of the trails committee.
- John M- Suggested the name, “High Falls Creek Walk” This name specifies where the trail is. Ron P. likes this name.
- The history of the Marbletown Trails Committee is that we are not in favor of naming any facilities or trails after a person or group.
- Carl brings up how much work we all have done.
- Carl and the Youth and Rec will write something up, stating the committee has reviewed the resolution, and at this time has found that the naming of this trail should be geographic to its location. Everyone in the committee has agreed.
- Jill suggested a separate meeting re: responsibilities of Central Hudson, D&H, landowners- and have reps from all sides.

- **College Connector Trail**

- We need to also name the College Connector. “Stone Ridge College Connector”?
- Soon, the committee will vote on various connectors
  - O&W Rail Trail
  - College Connector
  - Conservancy Creek Walk
  - Grady Park
  - Five Lock Walk- ?

- **Trail segment reports**

- If there is an issue on the trail, fall back on the segment owners and communicate with Youth and Rec department. Chris Schoonmaker brought up closing the gap. For now, we will continue with the way we are doing it.
- **Each segment owner is to report back within one week if there is something on their segment that needs attention.**
- **Prioritize Highway Requests**
  - 1- Finish College Connector
  - Mowing of the college connector?
- **Bike Repair station update**
  - Moving along- no new updates
- **Work Party**
- Creek Walk work party ! November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Meet at Davenports 9:00 A.M. Bring trimmers, rakes, weed whackers, and chainsaws.
- **College Connector trail update**
  - Property cleared. Material down to stone wall. Signage will come as it goes along. Thank you Marbletown Highway Department!
- **Tools and purchasing tools**
  - Jill purchased 6 more batteries for the trail tools.
  - Looking into a trails chainsaw
  - Eric will clarify that the ECC is working on grant for the Town to get more battery-operated equipment. Eric will report back with information.

### **Other Business**

- Cedar or Pine logs at Leggett trail head from college connector trail clearing. Would need help from the committee
- Leggett south bridge. Tie on bridge
- Copy wright of logo update- Carl will revisit
- Rondout Creek walk work party- **November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Meet at Davenports 9:00 A.M. Bring trimmers, rakes, weed whackers, and chainsaws.**
- **Signs**
  - For College Connector
    - Parking lot
    - Road frontage
  - Prohibition on College Connector Trail Property
- **The placement of signs (commercial, non-profit, personal, or political) on trail property is strictly prohibited. – Sandy suggested looking in the Marbletown Rule book for any laws.**
- What do we own on the Creek walk- Jill and Jess to look on parcel viewer and or get with Shawn Marks.
- Jill and Jess will be bringing up tools for the winter and putting them in the office at the Marbletown Community Center

- Chris' segment is the Creek walk. We should get mileage and do a physical up to 213. Jill and Jess will bring the wheel to the work party.