

**Marbletown Trails Committee Meeting**  
**January 8, 2019**  
**Minutes**

**Members present:**

Carl Pezzino, Rich Hines, Ron Pierce, Andy Lutz, John Michelski, Bill Eggers, Jill McLean

**Call To Order:** Carl called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**0 Carl distributed new winter logoed work stocking caps to the team in attendance. All agreed they are quite sharp.**

**Old Business**

0 Jill McLean reported on the ad hoc committee organized with Sandy Damon Sheeley to apply the Dave Sheeley Memorial money for use on the trail. The committee has met several times with suggestions for historic and/or nature markers, (a la the town of Hurley O&W markers) to be located at: Hurley/Marbletown town line, Beaver Pond, Snyder silos, trestle bridge location, High Falls train station, Rest Plaus historic area, Hansen Grist Mill. **The committee is making good progress and will meet again on January 24<sup>th</sup> to continue design work.**

0 The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge still needs to be upgraded. Two 14 foot 2x6's are required. Dan Proctor may have the material. **Carl will contact him to find out. All agreed to help with a work party once the material is secured.**

0 **No word on the bridge safety conditions report due in from Scott Davis.** All (7) bridges along our trail will be reviewed. . It needs to be presented to the committee. **Rich Parete was asked to follow up, by Carl.**

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, continues. All paper work is complete. The final review with planning board was completed and approved on 11/29/18; with unanimous town board approval made on 12/20/18. **On 1/20/19, if there are no citizen issues on permission to go ahead, (that is , no permissive referendum required) then the town can file the required paperwork of a closing and a deed will be issued by Ulster County for ownership by the town. At that point, approval for construction from Central Hudson along their right of way on town property will be sought, with no expected opposition. Upon this approval construction should begin in early spring, weather permitting.**

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. **This still needs to be done. Rich Parete will again contact the lawyer to request a letter stating the town's concerns to the landowner and requesting the shed's removal or an agreement that the shed will not transfer to any future owners. Carl and Eric will followup again.**

0 In a related item regarding this property, the highway department has cut down three dangerous dead trees on the town property at the request of the above landowner. Committee members have begun

cutting up this wood and clearing same from the trail. Four truckloads were removed on 1/11/19 (after this meeting). **Thanks, John and Jillian, and Ron.**

0 Carl again informed the committee that he and Eric are attending the meetings regarding the High Falls “master plan” led by Barton and Loguidice planners. Post meeting, **Carl attended a meeting with Richard Eppley to discuss requesting a grant from Rails to Trails for part of this project. This is due by the end of the month.**

0 **Carl has again contacted Ricki Schweizer (High Falls train station) on 1/8/19 in hopes of securing a permanent easement over her land. Still no reply. .**

0 The train stations of the O&W display, formerly being shown at the Hurley Heritage Society building, has been donated to the town of Marbletown for display at town hall. The display consists of 11 placards describing each train station and life along the O&W from Kingston south to Summitville. Arrangements are being made for framing and formal display in town hall.

0 Approximately \$4,000 is still available from last year's town trail budget. Jill sent a letter in December requesting this money be held over and used toward the Rest Plaus road parking construction by highway in the spring.

0 The 2019 trail improvement priority list was reviewed and updates were applied and are attached. Thanks team!

#### **Next Meeting:**

**The next monthly meeting is the second Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 7pm at the MCC.**

The meeting adjourned at 8: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Pezzino, Chair