

**Marbletown Trails Committee Meeting**  
**November 13, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Members present:**

Carl Pezzino, Rich Hines, Ron Pierce, Andy Lutz, John Michelski, Larry Skalla, Dan Proctor, Bill Eggers, Eric Stewart, Allan Serrano

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

**Old Business**

0 Roger Wells has replaced the old hand rails at the Cottekill and Rte. 213 steep hills. The new railings are pressure treated so they should not rot as the old ones did. They look great. Final cost was \$775 and will be paid for out of the trails budget.

0 Jill McLean has organized an ad hoc committee 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 Plaas historic area, Hansen Grist Mill. The committee is making good progress and will continue to meet.

0 The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge still needs to be upgraded. 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 H. The committee agreed to carry this project over to next year given the current winter weather conditions.

0 Scott Davis has completed the review of the safety conditions of all (7) the bridges along our trail. 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 Plaas road, has been verbally approved by the land owner. All paper work is complete. **The final review with planning board is scheduled for 11/29 with town board approval to follow on 12/4. It is not known that construction can begin before the new year given the on coming winter weather.**

0 Rich H. has cleaned up the graffiti problem up and down the trail. (Thanks Rich). **Rich will look into pricing of woodland security cameras.**

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. **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.**

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.

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. The O&W will be an integral part of this plan when completed. Allan Serrano attended our meeting representing the High Falls Conservancy in this regard, and discussed the status of the plans so far and indicated he is available to help with achieving the permanent easements over the Shweizer (High Falls train station) and Davenport (Abbott Auto) lands.

### **New Business**

0 Carl informed the committee that there is some interest generated by the new owner of the Gen Tech building (across from the Roost) for an easement on that property providing trail access to the college. This is all very preliminary at this point.

0 The train stations of the O&W display formally 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 Carl gave a brief review of the trail monies still available from this year's town budget. \$4,718 is still available and will hopefully be used toward the Rest Plains road parking construction by highway. If not, Carl will request moving these monies to next year's trail budget for the parking construction.

0 The 2018 trail improvement priority list was reviewed and updates were applied and are attached. A new list will be worked up at the January 2019 meeting. Well done team!

### **Next Meeting:**

**The next monthly meeting is the second Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7pm at the MCC. (No December meeting next month.)**

The meeting adjourned at 8: 35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Pezzino, Chair