

Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee Meeting
May 8, 2018
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Ron Pierce, Rich Hines, John Michalski, Bill Eggers, Tony Russo, Jill McLean, Shannon Hughes, GeriAyn Gaul

Call To Order: Carl called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Old Business

0 As reported previously, the railings at Cottekill south and 213 south need staining again. This will need to be done soon with the possible replacement of one section on Lilac Hill. **Volunteers are requested to do this job.** Post meeting Rich and Carl checked out railings at Williams Lumber. Pressure treated railings are now available there and could be used in the future when old railings need to be totally replaced.

0 The the memorial for Dave Sheeley is still being discussed by Sandy Sheeley and Jill McLean. Funds in Dave's memory, totaling \$1875 have been received from many townspeople and are being held separately by the Town of Marbletown. Jill and Sandy are looking at historical markers such as those found along the Hurley trail and/or a kiosk to be located south of Cottekill road near Lilac Hill. **Jill will followup with Sandy and report back with a plan to move this project at our June meeting.**

0 Many downed trees and branches were reported again over the last month. Several work parties have cleaned up numerous downed trees near Damon's crossing and Rte. 213. Thanks to all for responding so quickly after being called out.

0 **The old bench near K9 mile marker was rebuilt by Carl and Rich, post meeting, on May 11th. We think it came out great!**

0 The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge still needs to be placed. Two 14 foot 2x6's are required. Rich reported that a lower safety rail at the bridge at Lilac Hill needs to be placed. Five 14 foot 2x4's are required. **A workparty will be formed to complete this project.**

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, is in abeyance. Other alternatives than a swap are being considered by the land owner.

0 The cold weather, snow and two precarious hanging trees have prevented the highway department from resurfacing the area at Leggett south near the K10 mile marker and the footbridge again. The trees have been removed by highway and it is hoped the surfacing will be done before long. A historic snubbing post near the K10 bridge will be retrieved by highway and placed at the Leggett parking lot as a historic marker. **Thanks in advance to the highway department for taking the time to do the above. Post meeting, Carl talked to Superintendent Dimler and he is aware of this request.**

0 O&W brochures were distributed to trail keepers at the meeting by Jill. In the future, **Carl asked**

that trail keepers with kiosks on their segments pick up brochures from Jill at Youth and Rec. These segment stewards are in charge of placing the brochures at our kiosks along the trail. Please keep them full during the coming visitor season.

0 Eric Stewart reported by email that Tito Walsh will have the Cottekill fire house parking signs available the week of May 14th. **Two signs will be placed on the eastern side of the rail trail parking area stating “No Vehicles Beyond This Point”. Another two signs could be placed along the eastern side of the Fire Company blacktop parking area stating “Fire Company Parking Only”. 4x4 posts for the the signs will be supplied from town trail inventory. Once received a work party will be formed to install the signs.**

0 A tentative work party was scheduled for Friday May 18th to spread Dynamo mulch and plant Boston Ivy at the silos. Eric has been contacted and Carl will followup with the team if this can be formally scheduled.

New Business

0 Unfortunately graffiti has returned to the trail on several of our metal signs. The arrow sign pointing out the curve and steep hill at Lilac Hill, and two “Please respect property owner rights” signs were graffitied. **Post meeting Tony will contact the school district to see if the art department can identify the “artist” by style as we did successfully last year.** Also post meeting Rich replaced the arrow sign at Lilac Hill.

0 After some serious raking of the Cottekill ditch by active trail user Doreen Hines, the Ulster County Realtor group completed the job by raking and removing the debris from the side of the ditch. It has made a big difference in drainage in that area. Thank you.

0 Carl welcomed new member GeriAyn Gaul, a trail user and adjacent trail resident, who has been active on her own in caring for the trail between 213 and Rest Plaus road. She will be a segment steward for that area of the trail.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018 at 7pm at the MCC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl