

Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee Meeting
April 10, 2018
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Ron Pierce, Rich Hines, John Michalski, Eric Stewart, Larry Skalla, Andy Lutz

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

Old Business

0 As reported previously by Andy Lutz, the railings at Cottekill south and 213 south need staining again. Not a good season for staining. This will be a late spring job. **Rich also reported a rotting section or two of the railing at the March meeting. He intends to check it out more thoroughly and find out if they should be replaced and with what kind of more substantial material.**

0 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. Ideas for honoring Dave are being discussed. **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.**

0 Many downed trees and branches were reported after last weeks severe storm. **Two in particular located north of mile marker K9 will be cut up and removed by a work party scheduled at the meeting for Thursday, April 12th at 8am. Meet at Davenports. These two trees alone have the potential to fill 4 pickup loads.**

0 **The old bench near K9 mile marker still needs repair. The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge still needs to be placed. Carl will form a work party to make these repairs by our next meeting. Eric reported that all 8 bridges on the trail will be inspected for safety and structural efficacy for the town by Peak Engineering.**

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, is well underway. Bill Eggers has completed the initial survey and it has been passed along to the owner for his approval. **Once that approval is given Bill will complete the survey and the town attorney will formally complete the transaction. Bill is contacting Central Hudson to understand their ROW over the property. .**

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.**

0 The second order of Coalition brochures has been received and **Carl asked that stewards 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 As reported in last month's minutes, John asked that the town place signs alongside the parking area behind the Cottekill fire house. **Two signs should be placed on the eastern side of the rail trail parking area stating “No Vehicles Beyond This Point”. Another two signs should be placed along the eastern side of the Fire Company blacktop parking area stating “Fire Company Parking Only”. Eric will take care of ordering the signs. 4x4 posts for the the signs will be supplied from town trail inventory.**

New Business

0 (not discussed but needs to be mentioned) **Carl will get with Ed Garland and ask that he dig a trench around $\frac{3}{4}$'s of the length of the silos in order to plant ivy there. He will ask Eric to order the ivy. He will ask Ed Croswell to provide his potting soil formula for planting of said ivy.**

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2018 at 7pm at the MCC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl

p.s. A new contact list is attached.