

Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee Meeting
March 13, 2018
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Ron Pierce, Rich Hines, John Michalski, Shannon Hughes, Eric Stewart

Call To Order: Carl called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 reports a rotting section or two of the railing. He will check it out more thoroughly and find out if they should be replaced and with what kind of material.**

0 The the memorial for Dave Sheeley was discussed. Funds in Dave's memory, totaling \$1875 have been received from many townspeople and will be held separately by the Town of Marbletown. Ideas for honoring Dave are being discussed. An estimate for an historic kiosk was discussed. Jill will follow up with Sandy. **Carl passed around a copy of the old Cottekill trestle bridge schematic (attached), it might be used for the memorial. Jill and Sandy are looking at historical markers such as those found on the Hurley trail.**

0 Many downed trees and branches were reported after our 3 storms. **Rich will make a pass this week from Cottekill south to town line and get what he can with a hand saw. Expect that we will have a big cleanup work party in April.**

0 The old bench near K9 mile marker still needs repair. The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge still needs to be placed. **(Dan has taken that assignment.) Eric and Rich suggested all bridges should be checked for proper safety rails especially for little toddlers. Eric felt all bridges should be checked for safety of construction. He will mention to Rich Parete and town board members.** There are eight bridges on our trail.

0 Dan talked to the owner of the property at the CH gate south of Rest Plaus road in reference to potential trail parking there. The owner was positive about a potential land swap. **Carl and Rich P. then met with the landowner and through agreement the town is going forward with a survey of the properties. Bill Eggers has said he will start the survey this week or next. He is contacting Central Hudson to understand their ROW over the property. .**

0 The cold weather and snows have prevented the highway department from resurfacing the area at Leggett south near the K10 mile marker and the footbridge again. All agreed to request that the 2017 budget monies for this job be added to the 2018 budget. **Carl will followup with Superintendent George Dimler about the work and Supervisor Parete about the 2018 budget.**

New Business

0 The second order Coalition brochures has been received and Carl distributed some of the them to segment stewards at the meeting. Segment stewards will be in charge of placing the brochures at our

kiosks along the trail.

0 At the meeting John brought up some parking problems at the parking lot behind the Cottekill Fire house. It was suggested we put up some no parking signs along the east side the fire house to prevent interference with fire department parking by trail users. **The committee will work with the fire department and pay for the signs. This should be minimal cost to the town. Eric will inform the town board. John will get back with the fire department to discuss design and placement.**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2018 at 7pm at the MCC.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Carl