

Marbletown Trails Committee Meeting
March 10, 2020
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Andy Lutz, John Michalski, Chris Schoonmaker, Rich Hines, Ron Pierce.

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

Please note: There was no meeting in February 2020.

Old Business

0 Carl stated that the Rail Trail Historic Sign Committee continues to meet and has made great progress. Final edit of the signs is now taking place. Post meeting, on Friday, March 13 members picked up 10 – 6x6 posts from Williams Lumber and crowned the tops. They are now stored at the Annex. **Next to do's are to mark the locations along the trail where the signs will be placed (we also picked up marking paint at Williams), then install the posts. Once the signs are completed by Timely Signs they will be installed on site at the 10 locations along the trail.**

0 **Ron inquired again about the trail bridge survey done by Scot Davis. Carl will contact Eric Stewart for a report on the safety status of our 7 trail bridges. Of special concern is the rusting out of the I beams under the bridge at Damon's crossing.**

0 The initiative to allow for a walkway passage with public parking from the new Ridgewell gym on Rte. 209 to SUNYUlster continues. All rights of way for the town appear to be achievable. Highway submitted a verbal estimate to build the trail (1300 feet) approximately \$18,000 and the public parking lot (50x100 feet) approximately \$20,000. Monies to cover this cost are to come from the town's General Fund. **Right of way agreements with the owners and the town are still being worked up by the town attorney. (We will be needing a name for this walkway.)**

0 Highway completed the job of rerouting drainage and resurfacing of Lilac Hill and the hill to the south. The new Ashokan conglomerate material was used to resurface and appears to be working well. Thank you George, Scott and the highway team.

New Business

0 Carl announced that he would be away for three months over the summer in order to provide grand child care. **Particulars for maintaining trail organization and maintenance to be worked out with the Trail Committee, Youth and Rec. and Highway.**

0 Eagle scout candidate Dante attended the meeting to ask if there were any projects on the trail he could do. John Michalski said that there was work that the Cottekill VFD needed done. John and Dante exchanged info. and they will potentially collaborate on a project for the CVFD.

0 A verbal request was made to Highway asking that they consider repaving the trail area from Leggett North to Damon's Crossing using the new Ashokan conglomerate. This would be paid for out of the 2020 trails budget.

0 Recent pre and post meeting small work party activity is reported here.

- Chris and Rich cleaned up leaners north of Marcott to the town line.
- 6' pressure treated 2x4's were purchased from Williams Lumber to replace bench slats at Cottekill north near the bridge of over the little brook. Reconstruction to take place hopefully in April.
- Downed tree at Cottekill south was cleaned up and removed by John and Jillian.
- Long ditch starting at Cottekill south was raked out by Rich, Chris and Carl providing much better drainage.
- Chris releveled entry gate at Cottekill south.
- Chris whipped down the north and south side hills at the Rest Plaus bridge. Picked up and removed debris there.

Thanks to all members who did the above to continue the fine maintenance of our trail. Even more important for our citizens and visitors now that we are dealing with the Corona Virus. John Michalski reported to me today (3/23) from his roost at the "train station" that activity is way up on the trail over the last week or two. No surprise!

Next Meeting:

The April meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 14th at 7pm at the MCC pending resolution of the CoronaVirus pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Pezzino, Chair