

Marbletown Trails Committee Meeting
November 12, 2019
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Andy Lutz, Bill Eggers, John Michalski, Chris Schoonmaker, Rich Hines, Larry Skalla, Ron Pearse.

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

Please note: There have been no Trail Minutes since July. August meeting was Canceled. September meeting was held on September 27th, the output of which was the Year end To Do list, (attached below) and no minutes were created. The October meeting was Canceled, in lieu of the large number of successful work parties that were held dealing with the October 31 windstorm, up through this November meeting.

Old Business

0 Carl stated that the Rail Trail Historic Sign Committee has been meeting monthly and making great progress. He showed an example on one sign regarding the O&W and the historic time line of the trail. All at the meeting were quite impressed. Ten signs are in development as follows:

1)Hurley/Marbletown town line, 2)Town History at solar viewshed, 3)Beaver Pond, 4)Snyder silos, 5)trestle bridge location, 6)Dairy Farming (north of Leggett parking), 7)High Falls train station, 8)famous Residents at Mohonk viewshed at Rest Plaus north, 9)Hansen Grist Mill, 10)Kripplebush Creek bridge at Rochester town line. \$1875 is being held by the town to pay for these signs through donations in memory of Dave Sheeley. **Jill will provide an update at our next meeting.**

0 Eric had contacted Scot Davis 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. **No new report.**

0 Parking lot at Rest Plaus is now open as of August 2nd! Highway has done a beautiful job and its usage continues weekly. Many fine comments from our citizens and tourists alike.

0 Carl contacted Ricki Schweizer in October (personally at the High Falls train station) in hopes of securing a permanent easement over her land there. She has stated that she does not want to pursue a permanent easement. **Next steps have not been determined.**

0 An initiative has begun to allow for a walkway passage with public parking from the new Ridgewell gym on Rte. 209 to SUNYUlster. All rights of way for the town appear to be achievable. **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.)**

New Business

0 Carl thanked all committee members for the yeoman's work done immediately over the weekend of November 1 through, 4, after the severe wind storm. All segments of the trail needed attention. Over 40 manhours were worked by our committee members to put the trail back in order.

0 Carl has sent a letter of request to Highway Superintendent George Dimler for highway work needed before winter.

0 The committee member list was reviewed and updated. It has been sent to the Committee and updated also to the website. Thank you Michelle Solcberg

0 A year end Holiday party is being planned at the Reservoir Inn. Ron is moving this plan forward.
Post meeting, the Menu was posted to the committee with responses requested by Wednesday, Nov. 20th.

0 Post meeting a work party met on 11/15 at 9 am at Davenport's then headed to clean up downed large tree from the Halloween storm at Leggett parking picnic area; and a very large standing tree there was felled precisely and safely by John Michelski. The team also finished repairing the trail bridge railing south of Leggett. It looks great. Six members participated. This was another very successful work party.

Next Meeting:

The next monthly meeting is the second Tuesday, January 14, 2020. 7pm at the MCC.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Pezzino

Marbletown Trails Committee To Do List For Year End 2019

(All line items to be done by the Trail Committee unless otherwise indicated)

o Signage

- Install Tick warning signs on all Kiosks
- Weed whack Rest Plaus Parking exit area and install Stop O&W Arrow signs
- Replace grafittied Resident Respect sign along Wood/Meier property line
- Remove old NYS Grant sign at Leggett Road parking entrance

o Tree removal

- Remove several dead ash trees on north end of Cottekill north
- Remove large dead leaner north of north end of beaver pond (highway)
- Remove large dead leaner between K9 marker and trail bench at Leggett north (highway)
- Remove dead ash stump blocking trail south of Rest Plaus before Grist Mill (highway)

o College Connector

- Rough out trail from Ridge gym to college (approximately 1000 feet)
- Complete ROW agreements for Ridge Gym and Davenport properties (Town Attorney)
- Planning Board approval of ROWs
- Walkway construction assessment and cost estimate from Highway

o Rest Plaus road parking completion (Highway)

- Install stone blocks at parking lot edge
- Install 10' gates donated by Williams Lake project (Thank you Ed Garland!)

o Other Highway

- Flail mow trail side walls where required
- Open up drainage ditch with backhoe south of Rest Plaus near arched tree
- Prepare for utility pole donation from Williams Lake project at Leggett and Cottekill south parking lots

o Other Committee

- Follow up on potential parking at old Heritagenergy LP depot
- Coordinate with Rail Trail Sign Committee design, completion, and installation
- Thoughts on purchase of motorized hand tools by town for use by committee members
- Stay within 2019 Trails budget (approximately \$6000 left to spend)
- College connector construction expense not part of 2019 Trail Committee Budget per Supervisor Parete.
- O&W Rail Trail brochure reprint to be determined

o Holiday party? :+):+)