

Marbletown Trails Committee Meeting
March 12, 2019
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Rich Hines, Ron Pierce, Andy Lutz, Bill Eggers, Larry Skalla, Eric Stewart

Call To Order: Carl called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. (NB: There was no meeting in February.)

Old Business

0 Jill McLean reported to Carl that the ad hoc committee for the Dave Sheeley Memorial signs to be placed along the trail continues to meet. **The committee will meet again on April 29th** to further discussion for the historic and/or nature markers, (a la the town of Hurley O&W markers) to be located at potential locations: Hurley/Marbletown town line, Beaver Pond, Snyder silos, trestle bridge location, High Falls train station, Rest Plaus historic area, Hansen Grist Mill, etc.

0 **The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge was finally upgraded by Dan Procter on March 15th. A picture is attached to the email of these minutes. The railings look great!! Thanks Dan!!!**

0 No word on the bridge safety conditions report due in from Scott Davis. All (7) bridges along our trail will be reviewed. It needs to be presented to the committee. **Eric said he would ask Rich Parete for the status.**

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, continues. All paper work is complete. **A deed has been issued by Ulster County showing ownership by the town. Last step now is approval for construction from Central Hudson along their right of way on the newly acquired town property. We will request expediting of approval by CH so that construction can begin ASAP. Carl met with Highway Superintendent George Dimler on March 22nd, and said he is very anxious to proceed with the project given the many other spring highway road projects on his agenda.**

0 Now that it has been established in a survey by the adjacent property owner that the shed south of Leggett road sits entirely on town property, the committee at the August meeting unanimously requested that the shed be moved by the owner if they want it, or be dismantled by the town through the highway department or contractor. **This still needs to be done. Eric said he will get with Rich Parete to see if there has been progress with the town lawyer to request a letter stating the town's concerns to the landowner and requesting the shed's removal or an agreement that the shed will not transfer to any future owners.**

0 Carl reported that he, Richard Eppley of the High Falls Conservancy and Michelle Solcberg assistant to the town supervisor, submitted a \$48,000 grant request to Rails-to-Trails for the design and construction of a connector trail from the corner of 213 and Lucas Turnpike over the new Kathy Cairo Davis bridge to the Central Hudson generator property to the newly acquired town property that runs along the creek, thence to crossing 213 at the newly acquired, (by the D&H Canal Historic Society) DePuy Canal House. This was submitted on January 30th 2019. Response is expected in September 2019.

0 **Still no luck reaching out to Ricki Schweizer (High Falls train station) on 1/8/19 in hopes of securing a permanent easement over her land. Carl will continue to followup.**

0 **The train stations of the O&W display, formerly being shown at the Hurley Heritage Society building, has been donated to the town of Marbletown for display at town hall. The display now hanging in Town hall consists of 11 placards, now framed beautifully by Design Principles free of charge, describes each train station and life along the O&W from Kingston south to Summitville. A grand opening of the exhibit was held at town hall on March 5th.**

0 **Approximately \$4,000 is still available from last year's town trail budget. Jill sent a letter in December requesting this money be held over and used toward the Rest Plaus road parking construction by highway in the spring. Jill will check on this request.**

New Business

0 **Post meeting, Carl will meet with superintendent Dimler to review 2019 Trails committee priority requests on the Highway Department, per the 2019 trail improvement priority list approved by the committee in January minutes.**

0 **Post meeting, Rich and Ron held small work parties to clear fallen trees and debris identified at the meeting along the trail from Leggett north to Cottekill. Thanks guys!!**

Next Meeting:

The next monthly meeting is the second Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7pm at the MCC.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Pezzino, Chair