

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes September 20, 2022

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:01PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Present:** Eric Norberg, Marie Sidgwick, Fred Pizzuto, Susan VanDeBogart, Loretta Miller and Jamie Anson on speaker. **Board Members Absent:** Rafael Diaz and Ray Constantino. **Members Present:** Chrissy Wolcott and Leo Manon. **Resignations:** Loretta read the following Board members resignations: Vera Lawrence, treasurer effective June 4, 2022, Loretta Verity, effective August 10, 2022 and Ethan Thompson, effective September 19, 2022. A motion to accept the resignations was made by Marie seconded by Susan. Motion passed.

Board Member: Loretta made a Motion seconded by Eric to appoint Chrissy Wolcott to the HVRTA Board. Motion Passed.

New Treasurer: Chrissy Wolcott was appointed Treasurer to the HVRTA by a motion made by Eric and seconded by Fred. **Checking Account:** Marie made a motion seconded by Susan to add Chrissy and Eric to the HVCU checking account. Motion Passed.

Minutes: The May Minutes were approved with a motion made by Susan seconded by Jamie.

Treasurer's Report: Peter has been paying the bills. He paid Matt Kierstead his 3rd payment for the Historical Signage. \$11,376.46 from pay pal has been transferred to the HVCU. Peter reported the taxes have been filed.

NYS Parks: Peter reported that Eric Hoppe is back as ranger for Walkway.

Trail Maintenance: Peter and his son will prepare the Rail Trail for Walktoberfest.

Special Activities on the Rail Trail: ALS is October 16 and will pay a fee of \$800 and Alzheimer's is October 17 and the fee is \$600. Fees are based on number participating.

Cabooses: Susan made a motion seconded by Loretta to allocate \$10,000 for the repair of each caboose. Motion passed.

75 Haviland Road: Peter repaired the windows on the caboose.

Grant: Peter and Eric are writing a grant through Greenway for repairs on the cabooses. It is an educational grant etc.

Brochure: Eric will contact Jenn about sending a draft of the brochure to the Board Members.

Ulster County Trail Meeting: Peter and Eric Hoppe attended a county meeting on trails pertaining to E-bikes. The goal is consistency among trails.

Paid Parking: Peter reported that councilmen Mike Guierro will meet with attorney Sean Murphy to write the town law for paid parking.

Website: Eric reported the website should be completed in approximately two weeks.

Mileage on the Rail Trail: Peter reported the red cabooses on the trail are ½ mile markers starting from Haviland Road going west.

Walkway Site Improvement: Peter and Jamie reported paperwork is in Albany and waiting to hear from Central Hudson.

Historical Signage: Matt and Jenn are working on the drawings and history.

Art Along the Trail: Peter reported the lexicon triangles are being painted by Susan Togan and will be hung from the Farmers Bridge.

Little Friends Library: Susan reported it is now open.

Bern on 299 Pollinator Gardens: Susan said that rain is needed before future planting.

New Business

Golf Carts: Peter reported he needed batteries for the golf carts at a total cost of \$960. Susan made a motion seconded by Marie to purchase six batteries for a total cost of \$960. Motion passed.

Pavilion: Susan expressed a concern about the repairs needed on the Pavilion and the kioskes. The Board will discuss the needs in detail at the next meeting.

Bathrooms: Susan felt the bathrooms were not being maintained properly. Frank from Building and Grounds needs to be contacted.

Sign at 101 New Paltz Road: The sign needs to be replaced.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM
Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Annual Meeting Minutes June 4, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 9:15 AM on the Rail Trail at the Jolly Rover Steps. **Board Members Attending:** Vera Lawrence, Susan VanDeBogart, Marie Sidgwick, Loretta Miller, Fred Pizzuto, Rafael Diaz and Eric Norberg, **Board Members Absent:** Jamie Anson, Eric Thompson, Ray Costantino, Jenn Becker, and Loretta Verity **Member/Guest:** David Reed and Jolly Rover Members **Welcome:** Peter welcomed those in attendance and **introduced** the HVRTA Board Members and their responsibilities. He informed the group about Mayfest, Walktoberfest and how the parking lot at Commercial Avenue has been expanded. There is a railroad turntable and remains of a water tower on Commercial Avenue also an Eagle Scout project with artifacts. Peter explained the mile markers that will be on the Rail Trail starting at the Walkway. There will be a caboose stencil every ½ mile and a spike for ¼ mile.

The **Minutes** from the last Annual Meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Fred and seconded by Eric.

Jolly Rovers' representative Chris introduced his staff, Linda, Steve and Kristen. He explained how the Jolly Rogers stone steps were put in place. The stone was harvest from the opposite side of the Rail Trail and the Town Highway helped to it bring across the trail. He explained the need for special tools and how the gargol rocks keep the steps in place.

Peter mentioned the upcoming **Special Events** on the Rail Trail.

Susan spoke about the **Berm** on 299 how it will be a pollinator garden. Different groups have volunteered to plant and maintain a section. She also informed the group about the **Little Free Library** at Commercial Avenue which in the process of being built.

Rafael Diaz said that he will open the **caboose** at 75 Haviland Road for tourist to visit in the near future.

Marie presented Vera the HVRTA treasurer with **flowers** as she is retiring from the Board.

David Reed explained his **Daffodil Fund Raiser** for the Rail Trail which will take place in the fall.

Ballots were distributed to members to vote on two incumbent board members, Susan VanDeBogart and Fred Pizzuto. Both were approved for a three-year term.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 10:00AM with a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Susan.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes May 17, 2022

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:05PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members attending:** Susan VanDeBogart, Vera Lawrence, Rafael Diaz, Loretta Miller, Fred Pizzuto, and Jamie Anson at 7:20PM **Board Members Absent:** Marie Sidgwick, Loretta Verity, Eric Norberg, Jenn Becker, Ethan Thompson and Ray Costantino **Town Board Member:** Lenny Auchmoody; **Guest:** David Reed

Daffadill Project: David with a committee would like to purchase Daffadill bulbs to sell, and to be placed on the Rail Trail or for personal use. He requested one Board member to be on his committee. David needs a brochure to be placed in the kiosks. Vera has someone she will contact to see if she will design a brochure for the project. David and his committee will attend the July meeting to finalize the project.

Minutes: Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Susan. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report: The report was approved with a motion made by Lorie and seconded by Fred. The available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$39,865.75.

NYS Parks: Peter reported Parks is responsible for the Empire Trails.

Membership: There are 137 members

Trail Maintenance: Susan said that the locks on the bathrooms at the pavilion are broken.

Mayfest May 21 and 22: Jamie gave a detailed report and provided everyone with a map of the event. Booths have been sold out and there is a variety of vendors.

Annual Meeting June 4th: The meeting will be at 9:00AM at the Jolly Rovers Steps. Susan and Lorie will purchase the food for the event. Jamie will develop a flyer and send an email blast to members.

Rotary Club's Bike Safety June 5th: Peter reported that the Rotary would like to do a bike safety program for kids. They would start at the Pavilion and ride towards Black Creek. Susan made a motion seconded by Lorie to permit the Rotary Club to have a Bike Safety program for kids on the Rail Trail. Motion Passed

Signage: Peter reported he will have the three parking lot signs made at LaManna Printing.

Brochure: Waiting for the draft from Jenn. Eric will contact her.

Paid Parking: Fred is waiting for a return call from the Town's Attorney, Sean Murphy.

Distance Markers: Peter reported the Trail is pinned and needs a dry day to paint the stencil on the Rail Trail.

Website: Jamie is in the process of completing the website.

Signals: Articles have been written.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Peter has the new signs and they will be up for the Annual Meeting.

Commercial Avenue Extension: Peter reported the brush has been removed.

Historic Signage on the Rail Trail: Matt is busy doing research for the signage.

Art Along the Trail(Susan Togan): Peter will meet with Susan.

Little Friends Library: Susan reported the design is completed.

Berm 299: Susan reported there are three committed groups who have started clearing and will plant soon. HVRTA pays for the seed but some flowers are being donated.

New Business:

Grant: Peter said that Denise from the highway department informed him of different grants that would apply to Commercial Avenue Extension, such as the water tower, turn table etc.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.
Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes April 19, 2022

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:03PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Attending:** Loretta Verity, Eric Norberg, Fred Pizzuto, Vera Lawrence, Loretta Miller, Rafael Diaz, Susan VanDeBogart **Board Members Absent:** Jamie Anson, Marie Sidgwick, Ethan Thompson, Ray Costantino and Jenn Becker **Minutes:** The February minutes were approved, motion made by Susan seconded by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: Fred made a motion seconded by Susan to approve the February report. Rafael made a motion seconded by Fred to approve the **March report.** Both reports passed. Available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$39,254.08.

Correspondence: Peter reported Marie sent Ken Morgan, who resigned from the Board, a thank you for his years of service to the Rail Trail Board.

NYS Parks Empire State Trail: Peter reported HVRT is a part of the Empire Trail. Different regions will have different representatives.

Membership: Eric reported there are 135 members.

Trail Maintenance: Peter said that Mae Lane had trouble with flooding. **Highland Huskies 5 K Run:** It will be in September rather than May as requested.

Mayfest: May 21 and 22 2022: HVRTA and the Landing Park will share a booth. **Annual Meeting June 4, 2022:** The meeting will be held at 9:AM by the **Jolly Rovers Steps.** Susan and Lorie will be responsible for refreshments.

Rotary Bike Safety June 5, 2022: Loretta reported the Rotary will be doing a bike safety ride for children. Dom Verity will apply for an application for this event. **75 Haviland Road:** Peter reported nothing new with the Grant with Walkway.

Signage: The **Parking Lot** entry signs have not been purchased. They are needed at 101 New Paltz Road, 100 Haviland Road and the parking lot across from the Firehouse. **Brochure:** The map is completed, and a copy of the draft is needed. Eric will check with Jenn to send a copy of the draft.

Paid Parking: Peter reported he met with Town officials and had the software company explain how they are responsible for any tickets. The Town needs a law regarding this process. Fred offered to meet with the Town attorney Sean Murphy regarding this matter.

Distance Markers: Peter reported the markers are 1/4 and 1/2 half mile. The 1/2 marker will have the caboose and mileage. The Trail is 5.38miles.

Website: Not completed.

Signals: No report.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Peter said that Jolly Rovers Steps needs to be added to the map and digitize the sign. **Commercial Ave.** Peter reported Charlie Long will clear the turntable and Richie Klorz Superintendent of Highway, will clear the brush.

Historic Grant: Matt has done a lot of research and Peter says he will receive a percentage of his fee.

Art Along the Trail: Peter reported the art will be triangular 3D and one will hang from the Farmers Bridge.

Little Friends Library/Commercial Ave.: Susan reported they are still waiting for the design.

Berm: Susan reported they will rototill the Berm this week. The following groups are interested in planting an area; Highland High School Honor Society, Boy Scouts, Middle School from New Paltz, Highland Middle School Honor Society, Chestnut Market, Highland Rotary and the Highland High School Interact Club.

Cub Scout Bird Houses: Peter reported the bird houses are on the Rail Trail from the Pavilion to Tony Williams.

Storage Unit 75 Haviland Road: Peter will paint it a light green like in the town signs.
New Business

Volunteers for Rail Trail Clean-up: Susan expressed a concern about cleaning the Rail Trail. She will ask for volunteers for different sections via the HVRT on facebook.
Caboose 75 Haviland Road: Rafael said he would like to open the caboose to the public but would need volunteers. The inside needs to be cleaned.

HVRT Hats: Loretta asked the Board what style hat and color. They agreed to the same style and color but have the logo patch on the front of the hat. Peter requested that patches be purchased for sale

Grant: Peter reported he and Eric are looking for a Grant for the Commercial Avenue artifact, such as turn table, water tower and track layout.

New Paltz Road Tunnel Mural: Peter reported a locomotive steam train will be on one side.

Sunflowers on the Rail Trail: Peter reported students from the New Paltz Middle School will be planting sunflowers near the fence by Central Hudson (South ST.) for Unkrain.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25, motion made by Rafael seconded by Eric. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes February 15, 2022

Meetings: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall.

Board Members Attending: Peter Bellizzi, Vera Lawrence, Susan Van De Bogart, Ken Morgan.

On Zoom: Loretta Verity , Rafael Diaz, Eric Norberg, Jenn Becker, Loretta Miller. Board Members absent: Jamie Anson, Marie Sidgwick, Ethan Thompson, Ray Costantino. Guest: Fred Pizzuto.

Minutes: Approved. Motion by Vera and seconded by Susan.

Board Member: Fred Pizzuto was nominated to be a board member. Board approved.

Treasurer Report: Vera gave the Treasure Report details. Susan made the motion, seconded by Ken to accept the Report. Motion passed. Available funds less Committed and Reserved Funds is \$38,565.92. Vera will remove the 2020 *Walkfest* from the financial report.

Correspondence: Hannaford Supermarket was sent a thank you note.

Reports/Updates: \$4,000 which came from PRD Town Fund for tree removed on Haviland Road.

NYS Parks: Diane Height will be appointed Interim Executive Director following Elizabeth Walden May 1st departure.

Membership: 134 members. Net 134, 1 expired and 1 joined.

Trail Maintenance: Peter noted Trail plowed. Not much to report.

Special Activity Application: Peter noted the following reserved dates:

ALS 10-16-2022, Alzheimer's 10-17-2022

2021 Projects: Nothing new

101 New Paltz Road: Nothing new

Trail Signage: Peter noted 18 signs made up in metal. Most posts are there. We need 2 parking lot entry signs about paid parking.

Brochures: Jenn will send update of brochure.

Trail Awareness Day: HVRT members will be asked to help. The police will be involved to help.

Distance Markers: Peter noted we are waiting for a startup date. Patti Brooks was contracted to complete the Distant Marker Project. This project was approved by 8 yes votes. It was noted the markers must match the Brochure info.

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Website: Discussion about setup time for HVRT Website. Member module started. Website built on WICS \$100, Star Chapter \$88.54 for server time.

It was suggested the we keep this up until new site is ready (3-4 months), then cancel Star Chapter

Signals Spring Summer- Some ideas discussed for Signals: Susan- Berm Project, Library Kiosk; Eric: Mayfest. Discussed digital posting, PDF viewable document.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Peter noted we need to add Jolly Rovers to the map we have done on the computer.

Annual Meeting: Set for first Saturday -June 4, 2022.

Grants:

Walkway site improvement Haviland Rd 75 &100 Haviland Rd Parking lots: end of June/July startup date.

Historic Signage on the Trail- Matt Kierstead 5 signs being made: 3 different signs and 2 duplicates.

Art Along the Trail: Susan Togan received a grant for the acrylic art project.

Library in Kiosk on Commercial Ave: Susan said the box is painted. Looking at spring completion.

Berm 299 Raised Flowerbeds: Susan, David and Peter will present Berm Project to the Highland Rotary. Groups interested in Berm Project include Chestnut Market, Highland Middle School Honor Society, Highland Rotary Interact Club, and individuals from the community.

New Business: 7' wide x 14' long truck box container Peter discussed Painting it green and getting things out of the caboose.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Next Meeting: Board meeting March 15 2022 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM

-Submitted by Loretta Verity

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes January 18, 2022

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:03 in the Town Hall. **Board Member Attending:** Peter Bellizzi, Vera Lawrence, Jamie Anson. **On Zoom:** Ken Morgan, Loretta Miller, Eric Norberg, Susan Van DeBogart, Loretta Verity, Marie Sidgwick, Ethan Thompson
Member: Ed Miller **Board Members Absent:** Ray Costantino, Jenn Becker, Rafael Diaz. **Guests:** Lenny Auchmoody, Fred Pizzuto.

Minutes: The minutes from November 18, 2021 required two date changes: Mayfest dates are May 21-22, 2022 and Walktoberfest dates are October 1 - 2, 2022. The date changes were approved with a motion made by Jamie and seconded by Vera. The full minutes were approved with a motion by Eric and seconded by Ken.

Treasurer's Report: Jamie made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Eric. Motion Passed. As of December 31, 2021 the funds are \$96,157.07. After committed funds- \$39,723.45. A penalty fee for late filing was addressed. A letter to reverse was filed with IRS, with an expected response in 6-9 months. It was discussed that filing needs to take place around September 15.

Correspondence: Marie mailed notes to David ^{Mendelsohn} Medelsohn, Richard Francis (gardeners), Angela Sisson (landscaper), Roberta Staples and Linda Gliedman (donations), Bernard Halpin (apology note) and Rafael Diaz (sympathy).

Reports: NYS Parks- Peter said not a lot to report.

Membership: 137 members which accounts for new or renewal members.

Trail Maintenance: Peter reported that the town has plowed the rail trail. Lenny Auchmoody and Peter had the grass area on the west side of parking lot on Commercial Ave filled in with milling for a minimal cost.

Special Activity: ALS walk is on October 16, 2022.

Commercial Ave : Charlie Long will clear out the turntable area. Richard Klotz, Superintendent of Highway Department is clearing the area near the turntable.

101 New Paltz Road: Discussion about birds in the Pavilion. Susan asked about blocking the top with 2" by 4"s.

Caboose: Locks will be changed.

Master Plan: Ray contacted Ruez Construction about the farmer's bridge structure.

Paid Parking: Wendy designed the signs that would indicate paid parking directions. Parking fee began December 1, 2021 on Haviland Rd.

Distance Markers : Peter is waiting for a price from Patty Brooks . Jamie sent Peter photos from Renee of the outline of cabooses to be used as mile markers.

Website: Website is not completed Jamie will complete the website. Jamie said vender applications for Mayfest sent out. Ticket sales will be from February to May. Members will receive a discount code when purchasing tickets.

Grants: A grant has been received for *Art Along the Trail*. Susan Togan will create acrylic art to be placed at three locations along the trail this spring.

Library: Susan reported that four pieces of Plexiglas have been ordered on a December 12 purchase order for the book kiosk. Waiting on decals. Julie from the Highland Library will assist with this project.

Brochure: Eric will check with Jen Baker about the Brochure. Ken suggested we receive a copy of the updated brochure.

Newsletter/Signals: Jamie will do the newsletter.

Bike Behavior: Will set up a Trail Awareness Day date in April. National Trails Day and Annual Meeting is scheduled June 3.

Bollards on the rail trail: Peter had a meeting with the Town, Walkway and Central Hudson concerning parking lot improvement planning. Jamie said following the Central Hudson process for the easement agreement, it will take a month plus 90 days. Work may begin after July 4 at the 100 Haviland Road parking lot

Berm on 299 Flowerbed: Susan reported approximat cost for seeding of \$650 for one seeding and tarps. Ray called Baker Brothers Landscaping Company to inquire about using tillers to get rid of the weeds. Permanent signs will indicate Pollinator Garden and volunteer groups. This website will be used for all communications pertaining to the berm: trailberm299@gmail.com

New Business: A proposal by Ken Morgan to create two meadowsi think we should take across from Lowes was discussed with details about the plants, and cost. There was a discussion about this project conflicting with the berm project and the use of volunteers. Motion to approve was made by Ken and seconded by Vera. Motion was not approved. This project in an alternate location will be discussed during a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Submitted by Loretta Verity

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes January 19, 2021

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the zoom meeting to order at 7:06PM. **Board Members Attending:** Jamie Anson, Eric Norberg, Rafael Diaz, Ken Morgan, Loretta Miller, Marie Sidgwick and Susan VanDeBogart **Board Members Absent:** Ray Costantino and Vera Lawrence **Guest:** Ethan Thompson and Corita Spreen **Member:** Ed Miller

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Rafael.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Eric. The available funds less committed and reserved funds are \$42,672.23.

Correspondence: Peter will send Marie a list of donors for the Santa Event with addresses. She sent a thank you note to Lytton-Kamback for his \$200 donation to the HVRTA. Marie will also send an acknowledgment to John Storyk for his \$500 donation.

Membership: Claire's report was read. There are 91 active members, and she continues to send email blasts.

Trail Maintenance: Peter reported that the black fencing by the Trailer Park is down. Peter will contact the County about the situation as it is their section of the Rail Trail. Ken asked about the Exercise plaque that is missing. Peter has it and will be put back in the spring.

Trail Signs: Peter reported the new entry signs and bicycle signs will be put up in the spring.

Old Business: **Speed Limit:** Peter reported that we will go with the county speed limit when decided.

Brochure: Rafael will send the map to Jamie.

Signals(Newsletter): Peter purchased a hard drive and Rafael is inputting all the old newsletters. Jamie will be doing the design for the newsletter which will go out in the spring. **Anyone can write an article for the newsletter and send it to Jamie.**

Bicycles: Peter reported the New Paltz Bicycle Shop has made a proposal to the Town of Lloyd to have a bicycle rental at Tony Williams Field.

Paid Parking: Peter will be meeting with Town Clerk Wendy Rosinski, Supervisor Fred Pizzuto, the Town's Bookkeeper and Councilman Lenny Auchmoody next week to establish a bank account for paid parking.

Scenic Hudson: Peter reported Scenic Hudson owns the property on the side of the Rail Trail from Ludwigs to the Trailer Park. Rafael and Ken have walked it.

Distance Markers: Peter said that the distance will be marked with a stencil of a caboose.

Commercial Avenue Extension: Peter reported the area has been cleared and grass planted. Turntable area will be cleared of brush etc.

Eagle Scout Project: Peter said the project is completed.

Jolly Rovers: Peter signed the contract and insurance is in place. The Highway Department will place skids on the Trail to move the stone.

Grant: Peter was contacted by a grant writer and the service is gratis. The HVRTA would be responsible for the mission, etc. Peter suggested the grant be for the Farmers Bridge and Turntable. He will contact the individual.

Walkway Meeting: Peter, Jamie and Supervisor Fred Pizzuto will meet with Walkway about two past Grants pertaining to site improvements of 75 and 100 Haviland Road parking lots.

Website: Jamie presented the new website. It was amazing and elaborate with so many areas of interest that can be explored. Ethan has made many videos of the Rail Trail which are included. The new Website name will be updated and will be .org. Jamie, Ethan, Peter and Eric have worked diligently many hours on the Website. Jamie asked Board members to send pictures to her and to Eric any changes or additions. All Board members have access to the Website.

Adobe Creative Suite: Marie made a motion seconded by Eric to give Ethan \$240 to purchase an adobe creative suite. Motion Passed. Jamie indicated the Adobe will enhance videos and pictures etc.

May Event: Jamie reported the May Event will be the 8th and 9th.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes April 20, 2021

MEETING: The zoom meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:31PM. **Board Members Attending:** Marie Sidgwick, Loretta Miller, Eric Norberg, Ken Morgan, Vera Lawrence, Ray Costantino, Susan VanDeBogart and Ethan Thompson **Board Members Absent:** Rafael Diaz **Member:**Ed Miller
Minutes: The Minutes were approved with a motion made by Vera and seconded by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: The Board requested a separate line item for paid parking. It will not be grouped with bollards or 75 Haviland Road expenditures. The report was approved with the correction by a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Eric. Available Funds less committed and reserved funds are \$42,236.24.

Correspondence: Marie sent a thank you to Phil DiLorenzo for the donation of wood chips. The Board requested that Marie send acknowledgements for the memorial donations for Michael Anzivina. The family also acknowledged the donation.

Membership: No report. Ray said that Claire is waiting for the membership list in the new website.

Trail Maintenance: Ken is going to spread the wood chips including the fitness center, gardens etc. (with his red wagon)

Special Activities: Peter is waiting for a definite commitment from ALS for October 17th.

Parking signs: Jamie and Peter reported that the Town received a \$750,000 grant for sidewalks and signs. Supervisor Fred Pizzuto is in the process of having new signs designed . HVRTA needs a parking sign across from Fire House 2.

Trail Signs: Peter will soon be installing the new Rail Trail Courtesy Signs at all entrances.

Speed limit on Trail for Bikes: Ulster County and Empire State have agreed to 15MPH.

Pamphlets: After Mayfest.

New Patz Bicycle Shop: Peter reported they will be renting a spot by the Tennis Courts for \$1,000 per month for 5 months. Peter will contact the owner about doing bike safety on the Rail Trail.

Paid Parking: Peter reported the separate bank account has been set up. All proceeds will be received by the Town Clerk, Wendy Rosinski. The HVRTA PRD account has \$15,000.

Bollards: Peter said that they will be placed inside the emergency entrance.

Distance Markers: The markers will begin at the Walkway way entrance to South Street(west) The markers will be at half mile intervals.

Old Rail Bed: Peter reported the Girl Scouts are interested in improving the area by Black Creek.

Commercial Avenue Ext. Highbridge will pay for the sidewalk. Peter said that the Turntable is older than the Walkway bridge. He also informed the Board that there is an old pump station and water tower behind the Frank Maier Station. Peter has been in touch with Matt Kierstend who does historical research.

Jolly Rovers:(10th Anniversary): Ken reported the Town has helped move the stone over the Rail Trail. The steps have been started. Ken suggested an information sign be placed in the area.

Grant \$375,000 Walkway/75 and 100 Haviland Rd): Peter reported that the Town and HVRTA suggested use of the grant for paving Haviland Road, extending the parking lot west, which will be at a lower level and fill will be used from Town Projects.

75 Haviland Road): Peter reported the widening of the Rail Trail from the caboose to the emergency entrance. It will allow space for more vendors.

Mayfest May 8th and 9th: Jamie gave a lengthy and detailed presentation on the events, vendors(50 /sold out) and sponsors. All Metro North Stations and Mobile Stations (Chestnut) will display a poster. Volunteers are needed and it was suggested to send a request for volunteers to the membership list. Jamie suggested HVRTA give a \$5 discount code off membership to use towards a ticket at the tasting booth. **Motion:** Loretta made a motion seconded by Eric to receive a \$5 discount when purchasing a HVRTA membership to use towards the purchase of a ticket at the tasting booth.

Motion passed. Senator Michele Hinchey will be attending the event and Ethan will be doing an aerial of the event.

New Business:

Fence Repair: Ken, Henry and Peter will repair the fences.

Parking Lot 75 Haviland Road: Peter requested help in cleaning the lot before Mayfest.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes May 18, 2021

Meeting: The zoom meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:08PM.
Board Members Present: Vera Lawrence, Loretta Miller, Susan VanDeBogart, Rafael Diaz, Ken Morgan, Jamie Anson, Eric Norberg and Marie Sidgwick **Board Members Absent:** Ethan Thompson and Ray Costantino **Member:** Ed Miller
Minutes: The minutes were approved by a motion made by Susan and seconded by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion seconded by Susan to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. Available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$42,602.34.

Correspondence: Marie reported she sent an acknowledgement to Joan and Ralph Jenkins for their donation in memory of Michael Anzivina.

Mayfest: Jamie reported the event showed improvement from the fall event and was successful. Ticket sales were up but there were too many vendors. She recommends a shuttle for vendors and a person stationed at the emergency entrance. She expressed a need for more sponsors. Jamie will give a financial report at the next meeting.

New York State Parks: Peter reported Parks offered to clean the area by the Towers and remove the Tree along the path to the Eagle Scout Project.

Membership: Peter reported we have new members, but the membership is not on the new website.

Trail Maintenance: Peter put the new courtesy signs up by the Walkway and at 101 New Paltz Road on the kiosk.

Special Activity Applications: **September 12th:** There will be a local vendor event at 101 New Paltz Road. It will be in the parking lots and pavilion.

ALS October 17, 2020. Waiting to hear from the person in charge.

Brochure: Not complete.

Paid Parking Haviland Road: Peter reported Safe Dig New York will mark the areas on the road for the parking post and the Highway Department will install the post in the fall.

Bollards: Peter reported the Bollards will be installed before Octoberfest on the Rail Trail by the emergency entrance.

Website: Jamie is completing different areas on the website.

Jolly Rovers: Ken reported 5 steps have been completed and they will return in July as they need to complete a project at Breakneck Ridge.

Grants 75 and 100 Haviland Road: The Town and Walkway will meet about the site improvement at the two locations on Haviland Road.

Annual Meeting: It will be a zoom meeting on June 5th with the membership and include the election of Board members.

Railing Repairs: Ken and Henry are completing the repairs.

New Business

Signage at 201 New Paltz Road (Ramos property): Mr. Ramos posted signs on the trees and Ken will remove the signs. There is a standard private property sign used on the Rail Trail.

Girl Scout Project: Peter emailed the Board the Girl Scouts proposal on the Old Rail Bed Trail to build a bog bridge and rock garden. After a short discussion Eric made a motion seconded by Loretta to accept the Girl Scouts proposal and for Peter to present it to the Town Board at there next meeting for approval. Motion passed.

The Little Free Library on the Rail Trail: Susan presented information about The Little Free Library and suggested an area on the Commercial Avenue site. After a brief discussion the Board suggested Susan pursue the project.

Tire Purchase: Peter's friend helped widen the Rail Trail and two of his tires were slashed on his machine. Peter recommended the HVRT Board pay for one tire. The Board agreed.

July 20th Board Meeting will be held in the Town Hall.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller
Corresponding Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Annual Meeting

Minutes June 1, 2019

President Peter Bellizi called the meeting to order at 9:20AM at the Pavilion at 101 New Paltz Road.

Board Members Present were Susan VanDeBogart, Marie Sidgwick, Rafael Diaz, Loretta Miller, Ray Costantino, Eric Norberg and Vera Lawrence **Board Member Absent** was Ken Morgan

Peter introduced the Board of Directors and their responsibilities.

The **minutes** read by Loretta from the 2018 Annual Meeting and were approved by a motion made by John Wadlin and seconded by Alan VanDeBogart.

The **ballots** were distributed to members of the HVRTA for voting on a 3-year term for 3 incumbent Board members.

Peter spoke about the events that take place on the Rail Trail, such as Winterfest and Chili cook-off, the Huskies 5K race, St. Augustine's Fireworks, Walk/Run for Hospice, Alzheimer's and ALS just to name a few of the many events that take place on the Rail Trail through out the year

The following volunteers have helped to maintain the gardens on the Rail Trail, David Reid, Jane Boden, Ken Morgan, Dick Hall, Baker Brothers, and Garone Lawn and Landscaping. We also like to thank the Ulster County Board of Realtors for helping to clean the debris on the trail.

The Hudson Valley Rail Trail is now a part of the **Empire State Trail**, which according to Governor Cuomo will run from Manhattan north to Lake Champlain.

It was noted that the **Caboose** on the site was donated by Ethan Jackman Peter mentioned that **Casey Rosen's Eagle Scout Project** was an asset to the HVRT as the bridge he built connects the Rail Trail to Mile Hill Road and to the Highland Landing Park.

Rafael asked for volunteers for the **caboose**, which is open on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. He would assist anyone interested in volunteering to learn about the caboose and the area.

Donna Deeprose was wearing a shirt with a caboose on the front and the back said, "Move your Caboose" It was suggested the tee shirt would be a good item to sell.

Ray spoke and noted that Terez Mazzetti painted the conductor picture in the caboose. He also spoke about responsibility of the conductor. He mentioned that Baker and Son planted the trees near New Paltz Road and eventually the rocks would be removed and the **Farm Bridge** over the Rail Tail needed engineering approval. Ray said that the Rail Trail from Commercial Avenue to Tony Williams field was first paved in 1999 and there is now a grant to repave the area. The HVRT now goes from the Walkway to the Thruway.

Peter said that the **Gateway Arch** at 75 Haviland Road should be completed in August. He thanked Mr. Litts for the donation of the towers.

Vera was thanked for chairing the Breakfast and getting donations from local restaurants and businesses.

The incumbent Board Members were **reelected** to a three-year term. They are Vera Lawrence, Ken Morgan and Susan VanDeBogart.

Question and Answer The biggest concern of those present was **safety** especially with bicycles. Peter indicated that the Board is addressing the problem. **Signage** was another concern. Now that the Rail Trail is completed new signs will be made.

Larry Roberto requested memorial plaque in honor of **Mary Phillips** who was on the HVRT Board and an active runner on the Rail Trail. Donna Deeprose suggested a **memorial race** in Mary's honor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Loretta Miller Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes June 15, 2021

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:08PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Present:** Eric Norberg, Loretta Miller, Marie Sidgewick, Ken Morgan, Susan VanDeBogart and via zoom Ray Costantino; **Board Members Absent:** Vera Lawrence, Rafael Diaz, Jamie Anson, and Ethan Thompson.

Guest/Members: Loretta Verity, Jenn Becker and Ed Miller

Guest Speaker: Matt Kierstead of Milestone Heritage Consulting gave a presentation on Historical signage for Rail trails and about the **Hudson Valley Greenway Conservatory Grant** available to the HVRTA at a 50/50 match. The deadline for the grant is September 10th or November 18th. HVRTA portion of the grant would cost \$10,000. The HVRTA is interested in educational interpretation and historical signage. Matt showed the historical signage of the Maybrook Line. He would do the research for the signs such as history, pictures etc. but in-kind would help to reduce his fee of approximately \$3,000-\$5,000. Jenn offered to do the graphic design of the signs.

Number of signs/panels: The Board agreed to 6 signs but 2 would be duplicates, the caboose and the history at the 2 entrances. Matt will write the Grant and the HVRTA will write the portion pertaining to the Town.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by a motion made by Eric and seconded by Ken.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion to accept the report seconded by Eric. Motion passed. Available Funds less Committed and Reserved Funds is \$52,520.70.

Correspondence: Marie will write a thank you to Lowes for the 100 bags of mulch. Ken will give Marie the information.

Reports/Updates

Membership: Peter reported there is approximately 120 members.

Trail Maintenance: Ken spread the mulch on Phase IV of the Trail. He was responsible for contacting Lowes for the donation of the mulch. **Private Property signs:** Peter ordered new signs.

Special Activities: July 16th the Girls 5K Race at Tony Williams Field. Ray made a motion seconded by Susan to present the application to the Town Board for approval.

Parking Lot Signs: Peter reported HVRTA needs two Parking sign, but they must be consistent with Town Signs.

Speed Limit sign: Peter has received complaints about the speed of bicycles. There is a need for signage. The Empire Trails speed limit is 15MPH.

Brochure: Eric has adobe and will complete the brochure.

Paid Parking: Peter reported the company Upsafely has a new CEO.

Eagle Scout Project: Matt Kierstead noticed that the one of the signs was incorrect. It will be changed.

Bollards: Peter reported there will be bollards at the emergency entrance and in the area of the caboose at 75 Haviland Road. Peter will eventually install a Railroad crossing Gate in place of the gate at Haviland Road.

Box Cars: Peter said that HVRTA have been offered 2 Box cars, 60 feet long.

Distance Markers: Susan will purchase a caboose stencil large enough to place the miles inside.

Website: Jamie will transfer the membership to the new website by the end of the month.

Signals: Hoping to have a digital on the website this summer. Jenn is willing to help.
Old Rail Bed: Ken and Rafael will develop a permanent sign. Jenn will also be involved.

Ford Bridge: Peter reported that Jeff Anzevino from Scenic Hudson informed Peter of a grant writer, Peter Melewski, who is familiar with restoring bridges on Rail Trails.

Girl Scout Project: Peter said that the Town Board approved the project.

New Business

Little Friends Library: Susan reported Elise Viola(artist) and Ron Groomes will be involved in building the library in the kiosk. Nancy Hein will do the graphic design.

Berm phase 3: Sue suggested the need to till the burn and place native wildflowers, pollinators, and milkweed in the wet area. Jenn said the younger Girl Scouts would be willing to help.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 Agenda

CALL TO ORDER:

GUESTS Matt Kierstead

MINUTES: Loretta

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Vera

CORRESPONDENCE: Marie

REPORTS / UPDATES

Quick Mayfest report — *Wastland*

NYS Parks: Empire State Trail Ray/Peter —

Membership: *120*

Trail Maintenance: Peter —

Special Activity Applications: Peter

I love local rewards. September 12th 101 New Paltz Rd

ALS October 17, 2021 — *MS' meet*

2021 Projects:

101 New Paltz Road

Caboose

Master Plan: Mae Lane/New Paltz Road:

75 Haviland Road

Signage Committee: Loretta

Need 2 parking lot entry sign —

Trail Signage: Peter

Old Business

Speed Limit on Trail — *15mph*

Pamphlets: *brochure*

Concerns of bicycle behavior

(Trail awareness day ask HVRT members to help out)

Parking Haviland Rd Paid

BBB Parking — *safe 015*

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Annual Meeting
Minutes June 5, 2021

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the zoom meeting to order at 9:05AM. **Board Members Present:** Eric Norberg, Loretta Miller, Ken Morgan, Rafael Diaz, Vera Lawrence, Susan VanDeBogart, Ray Costantino and Marie Sidgwick **Board Members Absent:** Jamie Anson and Ethan Thompson **Guest/Members:** Miki Meyer, Lauretta Verity, Howie Schwartz, Ed Miller and Alan VanDeBogart
Introduction of Board Members: Peter introduced the present Board members and their responsibilities.

Minutes: Loretta read the minutes from the 2020 Annual meeting. Ray made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Marie. Motion Passed.

Town Parks clean the bathrooms at the Pavilion and Baker Brothers are now paid for mowing after many years of service.

Election of Board of Directors: The following Board of Directors are up for re-election for a three-year term, Peter Bellizzi, Eric Norberg and Marie Sidgwick and also Ethan Thompson for a three-year term. Alan made a motion seconded by Loretta to accept the Ballot of the Board of Directors. Motion passed.

Up Coming Events: Walktoberfest: The Annual event will take place in October on the Rail Trail with Walkway. **The ALS Walk** will be October 16th.

AT Commercial Avenue there is a 60foot turntable that will eventually be cleared and a 30 Ft. water tower in the area They predate the bridge. There is an **Eagle Scout Project** by Will Maier with artifacts from his deceased grandfather.

The Jolly Rovers are building stone steps from the Old Rail Bed to the Rail Trail. **The Girl Scouts** are building a bog bridge and rock garden on the Old Rail Bed.

The Walkway Grant will be used for improvements to the HVRT, NYS Parks and areas of the Town of Lloyd in the vicinity of Walkway. There is a need for the **Town** to have 75 Haviland Road listed as a **Parking Lot**. There are **LED lights** on Haviland Road and the Parking Lot for safety. Ken Morgan is maintaining the **Gardens** and the moving of wood chips. SusanVanDeBogart explained the concept of **The Little Free Library** to be built at Commercial Avenue.

Ken needs help cleaning the museum **Caboose** at 75 Haviland Road. Eric volunteered and the Rotary Interact group from the high school will be contacted for community service.

Peter said there is a need for **hot spots** near the cabooses. Ray suggested to contact the Town. Peter mention there are new **Courtesy signs** on the Rail Trail.

Peter has been in contact with the art teacher from the high school, Erica Babinau about designing a **mural** for the **underpass** at New Paltz Road. Sue Gilmore contacted Peter about doing a **mural** at the **underpass** at **9W**. Both of these projects will eventually need Town Board approval.

Peter reported the **Walkway Tram** is now in operation on the Walkway.

The Loretta made a motion seconded by Marie to adjourn the meeting at 10:29AM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Miller, Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes July 20, 2021

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order in the Town Hall at 7:08PM. Board Members Attending: Ken Morgan, Vera Lawrence, Loretta Miller, Eric Norberg, Jamie Anson (Zoom), Susan VanDeBogart(late) and Ray Costantino (Zoom/late) Board Members Absent: Marie Sidgwick, Rafael Diaz, and Ethan Thompson Member: Jenn Becker

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Ken.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion seconded by Eric to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. There is \$54,325.44 in available funds less committed and reserved funds. Peter reported there is \$16,500 in the HVRTA PRD fund.

Correspondence: Marie will send a thank you to Elizabeth Walstein-Hart for \$300 donation from Spring Market.

Mayfest: Jamie went over the financial report and sent a copy to all Board members. Two vendor fees are still outstanding. The total profit for the HVRTA is \$12,789. Ken made a motion seconded by Eric to pay Jamie 10% of the \$12,789 for chairing the event. Motion passed.

NYS Parks: No report. Peter reported that Eric the Park Ranger and his employees would like to take down the trees going towards the Eagle Scout Bridge. Approval from Central Hudson is needed.

Membership: Peter reported there are 125 members, and the list is on the new website.

Trail Maintenance: Peter is fixing the windows on the caboose at 75 Haviland Road.

Special Events on the Rail Trail: Vera made a motion seconded by Eric to approve the Alzheimer's event on October 16th and the ALS event on October 17th. Motion passed.

101 New Paltz Road: Caboose: Peter reported the window is fixed. He reported he asked Robert LaMark to price blacking topping the **parking lot**. Peter will contact Richie Klotz Superintendent of Highways about the water issue at the entrance of the parking lot.

75 Haviland Road: Caboose: Ken reported the caboose clean-up is done. **Grant:** The parking lot paving is included in the Grant, but Central Hudson needs a map. Peter will check with engineer Ray Jurkowski about a map.

Trail Signage: Peter will give Jenn a Courtesy sign to see about correcting the Website on the sign.

Speed Limit: Peter will check with the Supervisor about setting the speed limit at 15 MPH.

Brochure: Jenn will help Eric with the map.

Paid Parking: Peter reported the signs are up but covered and the machine from ATI will be delivered in 2 weeks. Ray suggested contacting Upsafety the software company to get an early start with registration.

Bollards: Need to submit a map to Central Hudson with the town of Highland on the map for the new parking lot. The Bollards will be both on the east and west side of the Rail Trail.

Distance Markers: Jenn will design the outline of a caboose, 11X17 inches.

Web Site: Jamie reported it is almost complete.

Signals/Newsletter: Jenn offered to do a newsletter but will need articles and pictures.

Old Rail Bed: Peter will get the map from Rafael and the sign is ready to be printed.

Commercial Avenue Extension: Peter reported the Highway Department will clear the turntable in the fall.

Jolly Rovers: They are continuing to build the steps.

Ford Bridge: Ray suggested to get another estimate.

Grant Hudson Valley Greenway Conservatory Grant: Matt Kierstead will do the history and Eric will do the HVRTA part of the grant.

Girl Scout Project: The project is complete.

Flower Bed on Bern on Route 299: Susan reported more time is needed.

New Business:

Art Along The Rail Trail: Peter will contact Susan Togut to place sample art on the Rail Trail.

Mulch: Ken said that Dave Wise helped him spread the mulch donated by Lowes. Marie will send Dave a thank you.

Town Grant: Peter reported the Town's Sidewalk grant includes the Highbridge's commitment for a sidewalk from Commercial Ave. to Town.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes August 17, 2021

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by president, Peter Bellizzi at 7:03 PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Attending:** Vera Lawrence, Loretta Miller via zoom Susan VanDeBogart, Jamie Anson, Rafael Diaz, Ken Morgan, and Ethan Thompson(ate). **Board Members Absent:** Eric Norberg, Ray Costantino and Marie Sidgwick **Members attending:** Jenn Becker and Loretta Verity. Jamie and Susan did their presentation at the beginning of the meeting due to other commitments.

Minutes: Vera made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Ken. Motion passed **Treasurer's Report:** The report was approved with a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Ken. Available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$53,510.88.

Walktoberfest October 3rd and 4th: Jamie reported her goal of \$12,000 in vendors fees is close. She said that more sponsors are needed and asked Board members to try to get sponsors. Walkway has no more room for vendors. Metro North will be participating again. The emergency entrance to the Rail Trail will be used for vendors to enter.

Membership: Peter reported there are 125 members, but the list is not on the new web site.

Trail Maintenance: Ken fixed one of the Rotary's exercise stations.

101New Palz Road: Peter said Ray would like a list of repairs needed at the Pavilion for Rotary to address. Send your suggestions to Peter. **Parking Lot:** Superintendent of Highway, Richie Klotz said it is not necessary to repair the entrance before paving the area. Peter reported the specs for paving the parking lot must be sent to three contractors. He will initiate this.

75 Haviland Road: Caboose: The fixing of the caboose is on hold.

Brochure: Jenn reported the new map is completed and Eric has the map. She recommended that the history be presented in a timeline.

Bicycle: Vera reported that Bill Miller of the MHBC in Poughkeepsie would like to help with bicycle safety.

Paid Parking Haviland Road: The Kiosk is up on Haviland Road. Peter is in contact with Upsafety for the software. Walkway is claiming that the grant does not allow paid parking at 75 Haviland Road. Peter is requesting a copy of the grant from the Town.

Bollards: Peter requested the Town Engineer to develop a new map with Highland on the map for Central Hudson before the bollards can be placed on the Rail Trail.

Distance Markers: Peter is going to ask Patti Brooks to place marking pins every half mile from east to west on the Rail Trail. A caboose stencil is still needed.

Website: The membership will be completed by the end of the month.

Signals/Newsletter: Jenn needs the original logo for the newsletter. Rafael is checking. Everyone is encouraged to send articles and pictures to Jenn. She will edit all articles.

Old Rail Bed: Peter reported he is waiting for a computer designed map. **Black Creek:** Peter said that Matt Smith has Kayak racks with locks that could be placed at Black Creek off the Old Rail Bed.

Jolly Rovers: The project was supposed to be completed by the end of July. Peter will check.

Grants: Matt is doing the history part of the grant and Eric what is related to the HVRTA.

Little Friends Library: Susan reported Elise Viola, the artist, will add the websites of the Highland Library and the HVRTA and there will be no change to the design. Ron Groomes will design the box but will need materials that will cost approximately \$400. Ken made a motion seconded by Loretta to allocate \$400 for material to The Little Free Library project. Motion passed.

Flowers 299: Susan asked for input on the kind of flowers for the Berm on the Rail Trail. Ken said that he is walking the Trail with Angela from the Walkkill Valley trust to recognize the flora and fauna on the Trail from Lowes to Tony Williams.

Art Along the Trail: Peter reported Susan Togu's art may be placed by the bench on Black Creek.

Rail Trail Courtesy Signs: It was suggested to get new signs from a different company. Jenn will check who Marist College uses for their signs.

New Business:

Motion: Loretta made a motion seconded by Vera to appoint Jenn Becker to the HVRTA Board. Motion passed.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes September 21, 2021

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:03PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Present:** Vera Lawrence, Eric Norberg, Jamie Anson, Ken Morgan, Loretta Miller, Susan VanDeBogart, Marie Sidgwick at 7:25PM and Rafael Diaz on zoom **Board Members Absent:** Jenn Becker, Ray Costantino and Ethan Thompson **Member present via zoom:** Loretta Verity

Guest Speaker via zoom: Thom Allgaier Invasive Species Coordinator for the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. He works with LHPRISM Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive species management. He gave a power point presentation of the stages of the invasive species the spotted lanternfly. They have been spotted on HVRT near the parking lot on 75 Haviland Road. Traps (circular traps) have been set on the trees that are affected on the Rail Trail. The spotted lanternfly can hop and fly. It is spotted in many states and attacks apple trees, grapes and walnut trees etc. They have a specified treatment to eliminate the species. Ken requested the website to purchase the different traps.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Vera and seconded by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion to approve the report seconded by Susan. Motion passed. Paid Parking disbursements will be a separate item in the budget. Vera asked questions about pay pal. Available Funds Less Committed and Reserved Funds is \$54,234.09.

Correspondence: Marie sent a thank you to Michael Levesque and David Marmor for their \$100 donations. She also sent an acknowledgement to Elizabeth Walstein-Hart of the Walkway for the \$300 donation from Spring Market.

Walktoberfest October 2nd, 3rd : Jamie gave a report that more vendors are needed, and the banners are completed. There will be a shuttle bus from the Parking lot by the Liquor store and Park and Ride. Metro -North is advertising the event. HVRT has \$4900 in sponsor fees but down on ticket sales. The Rail Booth will have a discount code to be used in the drinking tent if you purchase a membership or are a member.

Membership: There are 128 members

Signage: Peter will contact Jenn about the correction needed on the Rail Trail Courtesy and Safety Sign. New signs will be purchased once the correction is made.

Brochure: Jenn sent out a draft of the brochure. All concerns or corrections to the brochure are to be sent to Peter and Jenn.

Bicycles: Peter will meet with Captain Janso and Lieutenant Rollison about e-bikes and speed limit on the Rail Trail.

Paid Parking: Peter reported the ATI kiosk is paid in full. There will be paid parking only on Haviland Road until the Walkway and Town Grant is settled. He will meet with Town Clerk Wendy Rosinski to see how to register residents who do not have to pay for parking.

Bollard: Peter reported that Central Hudson must approve the map and placement of the bollard.

Distance Markers: Peter contacted Patti Brooks who will place spikes on the Rail Trail every quarter of a mile. Peter will contact Lily Rae to create a caboose stencil to indicate the mileage on the Rail Trail.

Website: Jamie will complete the website after Walktoberfest.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Peter is waiting for the computerized map to place on the sign.

Jenn is helping with this.

Commercial Avenue: Peter reported the Town will cut the brush and Charlie Long has offered his machine to clear the Turn Table.

Jolly Rovers: Peter said the steps are half-way up the slope. The builders are gone for a month as they are teaching a class to new builders.

Little Friends Library: Susan reported it is in progress.

Pollinator Meadow: Ken arranged a field trip on September 26th to Angela's, a master gardener, to see her pollinator meadows.

Grant: Hudson Valley Greenway Conservatory Grant: Peter reported the grant has been submitted.

Art Along the Trail: It will take place in the spring.

Adjourned: Eric made a motion seconded by Vera to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes October 19, 2021

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Attending:** Vera Lawrence, Marie Sidgwick, Loretta Miller, Susan VanDeBogart, Eric Norberg, Rafael Diaz, Ken Morgan, Jamie Anson, and Jenn Becker. **Board Members Absent:** Ray Costantino and Ethan Thompson late via phone. **Member Present:** Loretta Verity; **Guests** Dave Mendelson, landscape architecture and horticulturist and Richard Francis, a pollinator gardener.

David spoke about the berm on the Rail Trail and suggested planting in segments on the berm. He suggested placing a tarp on a section of the berm for short period of time and possibly throwing some seeds in that area before winter. The goal is to make the berm visually pleasing. Richard indicated he uses wildflower seeds in his pollinator garden and there are wild marigolds and zinnias. They will meet with Peter to cover a section of the berm on Saturday the 23rd.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Susan.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion to approve the report seconded by Marie. Motion passed. The available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$54,081.53. Vera was requested to place in committed funds \$20,000 for the Hudson Valley Greenway Conservatory Grant which is a matching grant.

Correspondence: It was suggested that the Board send a \$100 restaurant gift certificate to Lenny Auchmoody in memory of Linda who was a past Board member.

Walktoberfest: Jamie reported it was a very successful event. There is a need for more sponsors. The ticket sales were good and vendors had to be turned away.

Volunteers are needed, at least 40 per day. HVRTA total net profit is \$15,285.00. Vera was asked to pay Jamie \$1,698.30 for chairing the event.

Membership: There are 131 members which does not include the memberships from Walktoberfest.

101NewPaltz Road: The bathrooms have been damaged. Loretta Verity submitted a list of needed repairs on the **Pavillion** to the Rotary Board. The HVRTA will pay for materials if the Rotary will supply the manpower.

75 Haviland Road: Peter reported the Grant will provide a new map, paving of the parking lot, a building on the other side of the caboose and the Gateway Crossing will be moved.

Bicycle Safety: Peter is meeting with Chief Janso about a speed limit on the trail and e-bikes

Paid Parking: Peter said that paid parking will begin on December 1st on Haviland Road. Wendy and Vera of the Town Clerk's office will be registering local residence and developing an application form.

Bollards: There will be two sets of bollards one at the emergency exit.

Distance Markers: Peter has emailed Surveyor Patti Brooks about placing pins every ¼ mile. He will contact Lily Rae about a stencil of a caboose.

Website: Jamie and Eric will complete the website in November.

Signals/Newsletter: There is a need for some articles. Susan will contact Roberta Staples who expressed an interest in a newsletter.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Peter reported a new map is needed for the new sign. Rafael and Ken will attend to this matter.

Jolly Rovers: The project is almost completed.

Grant/Greenway: Peter, Matt, Eric and Joan Kelly, the historian, will meet about the interpretive signage. The HVRTA will apply for the **Greenway Caboose Grant** due in December.

The Little Friends Library: Susan reported she needs a graphic artist for the project. **Bern on the Rail Trail.** Susan will get in touch with Dave and Rich once the tarp is purchased.

New Business: Graffiti: Peter reported that several areas on the Rail Trail had been vandalized, a couple of benches, tunnel etc. He sent the pictures to the police department of the damaged areas.

Adobe Program: Eric made a motion seconded by Susan to purchase the adobe program at \$257 for Ethan for the drone videos. Motion passed.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Loretta made a motion seconded by Vera to appoint Loretta Verity to the HVRT Board. Motion passed.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes November 16, 2021

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:03PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Attending:** Eric Norberg, Ethan Thompson, Loretta Miller, Vera Lawrence, Susan VanDeBogart, Ken Morgan, Jamie Anson, Loretta Verity, and Marie Sidwick **Board Members Absent:** Ray Costantino and Jenn Becker

Guest Presenter, Angela Sisson a pollinator gardener and Cheryl Alloway a Master gardener from the Walkkill Valley Land Trust. Angela shared her computer images on a screen about meadow pollinator gardens. She said that you need 200 feet for a meadow, and it takes three years before you have flowers. Angela presented the step-by-step process for developing a meadow garden that must be cleared every year between November and March. She suggested the area across from Lowes would make a good meadow pollinator garden. The approximate cost to start a meadow garden is about \$650. After a brief discussion the Board decided not to do a meadow garden at this time. The reason being the Berm is already started and there would be a conflict with volunteers etc.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Susan and seconded by Vera.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion seconded by Jamie to accept the Report. Motion passed. Available Funds Less Committed and Reserved Funds is \$44,295.01.

Correspondence: A gift card to Stonehedge Restaurant in memory of Linda Auchmoody was sent to Lenny Auchmoody. Marie will send a thank you to the following presenters, Dave Mendolison, Richard Francis, Angela Sisson and anyone who donated \$100 or more to the HVRTA.

Membership: There are 132 members, but it does not include the 11 from Walktoberfest.

101NewPalz Road: Sue will put new letters in the sign. **Caboose:** Peter will put better locks on the caboose as historical objects will be stored inside the caboose.

Pavilion: Loretta reported that the Rotary Board would like the town to participate in the repairs for the Pavilion. Rotary president Dave Lambert will contact Peter.

75Haviland Road: Jamie said that Mayfest will be May 20th and 21st and Walktoberfest October 2nd and 3rd. / 5th 2nd 21 22

Trail Signage: Peter reported that two parking lot signs will be purchased using the town colors.

Brochure: It is almost completed by Jenn.

Bicycle Behavior: Peter said that in the spring the HVRTA will address bicycle behavior with the help of the police department.

Paid Parking: Peter reported paid parking will begin on Haviland Road December 1st. Residents can register at the Town Hall.

Bollards: They are included in the 75 Haviland Road Grant design.

New Parking Lot Map: Peter reported that Andy Learner with the CPL engineering firm is designing the parking lot under the grant at 75 Haviland Road.

Distance Markers: Peter will see Patti Brooks. Jamie will contact Lily Rae about the outline of a caboose (12inches).

Website: Jamie will complete the website by November 30th.

Signals/Newsletter: Susan reported that Roberta wrote an article for the newsletter, and more are needed.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Jamie will do the map that is needed to complete the sign.

Jolly Rovers: Ken reported the project is completed and cost \$6500.

Grants: The 75 Haviland Road grant with Walkway is being designed.

Greenway Grant: Peter reported Matt is developing the historical images.

Safety and Courtesy Sign: Jamie will change the website on the original sign.

Little Friends Library: Susan said the artwork is being completed and the wood has been purchased. Julie from the Highland Library is willing to assist with the library.

Berm on 299 Flowerbed: Susan reported the berm will be seeded Thursday and the tarp moved to the next area. Peter has been contacted by the 4H Club from Gardiner about seeding a section of the Berm. Susan will contact Kevin Rizzo a science teacher in the Highland Middle School to see if his class is interested in seeding a section of the berm.

New Business

Nature Walk: Susan suggested the possibility of having a nature walk on the Rail Trail with a geologist (rock formation).

Graffiti: Peter said that councilman Joe Mazzetti has offered to have an artist paint the underpass near Phil Dilorenzo's business. Peter requested a steam engine be one of the items.

Adjourned: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

*Hudson Valley Rail Trail
Minutes, January 21, 2020*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by president, Peter Bellizzi.

Board Members Present: Peter Bellizzi, Jami Anson, Ken Morgan, Rafael Diaz, Vera Lawrence, Sue VanDeBogart and Marie Sidgwick, Ray Costantino via telephone.

Guests Present: Howad Schwartz and John Storyk from Walkway, Lenny Auchmoody, Councilman, Linda Auchmoody and Coralita Spreen.

Minutes - Loretta: Marie moved to accept the January minutes as written, Vera seconded, voted on and passed

Treasurer's Report - Vera: Ken moved to accept the October and November reports, seconded by Rafael, voted on and passed.

Correspondence- Marie: None reported

NYS Parks: No report

Membership – Claire Costantino: November 20, 2019 to January 21, 2020 - 114 Active members, 5 Comps, 8 expired members Total 127. Of the 8 expired memberships 2 is from October, 2 from November, 3 from December. There were 11 renewals and 3 new members. An email blast was sent to the October to December expired memberships.

Trail Maintenance: Ray reported that we are waiting to hear from Parks. Hopefully we will be able to repave by end of year.

Special Activity Applications – Peter: Highland Middle School 5K Husky Run May 7, 2020

Signage – Loretta/Peter: waiting for more info

Old Business:

Signals/Winter Edition: Rafael was thanked for doing a job well done on producing and mailing the latest issue of the newsletter, *Signals*.

Winterfest: Home Depot will participate with children's crafts and activities.

Bouncy house Rinaldo Muniz

Vera said that more volunteers were needed and Sue said she would contact the Internet Club at Highland High School.

Vera reported that she may have someone to donate the chestnuts. There will also be free marshmallows. It was agreed that if someone signs up for a membership they would get 10 free food tickets (\$5.00 value). Vera suggested that when serving the chili for the tasting that it should be a ½ cup.

All those helping should arrive by 9:00 am.

The date for Winterfest 2021 will be February 6th.

Sue asked if we could plan events ahead which would give us more time to prepare.

Pamphlets: Rafael is working on them and should have it done by March.

New Fund Raising Events: tabled for a later date.

Concerns – bicycle behavior: Concerns regarding cyclists speeding and not obeying rules is a continual problem. Howard Schwartz reported that it is a concern on the Walkway and other rail trails as well.

Paid Parking: Peter reported that we are waiting for the Town Board to make a decision. Lenny suggested that we write a resolution for the paid parking and give it to Sean Murphy, the Town's attorney and to present it to the Supervisor who will then present it to the Board.

At this point there was much discussion regarding the paid parking among those present. John Storyk questioned how HVRT was proposing the paid parking. It was explained that the local residents would not have to pay but would be required to register with the Town Clerk giving their license number. When the person who "polices" the parking lot he/she will have some sort of scanner which will show if the vehicle is registered. John Storyk claimed he had only heard of this recently and was concerned as the Walkway was planning on improving the parking lot with trimmies they acquired from a grant but would be reluctant to do so if the Town of Lloyd was going to charge for parking. Peter explained that the money obtained from the parking was going to the Town if Lloyd held in an account which would be used for plowing, mowing and general maintenance. Peter also explained how the grant was presented to the HVRT by Elizabeth Walstein-Heart of Walkway Over the Hudson. John was then more understanding to the thinking and the thought of issuing free parking for frequent users and local residents. Ray also explained that the parking areas at Commercial Avenue, New Paltz Road Depot and Tony Williams are all free. Therefore people could enter the trail at any of these other locations.

Railroad artifacts donations: Peter has lanterns, and switches. The Maier family would like to do something to honor their grandfather. The son would like to do something as an Eagle Scout project.

Distance Markers: on hold

New Business

New web site: Jami is working on updating it. She is waiting to hear from Eric.

Walktober Fest: This will be a combined event with the Walkway. It will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in October. Vendor fees will be \$200 for 2 days with an Earlybird Special offer. Peter will have one tent on the Walkway and one on the Rail Trail. There will be a chef demo.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2020.

Vera made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ken, voted on and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Sidgwick

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes February 16, 2020

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the zoom meeting to order at 7:05PM. **Board Members Present:** Vera Lawrence, Loretta Miller, Ken Morgan, Eric Norberg, Rafael Diaz, Jamie Anson, Ray Costantino and Marie Sidgwick **Board Member Absent:** Susan VanDeBogart **Members Present:** Ed Miller and Ethan Thompson

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion by Eric and seconded by Marie.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved as amended with a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Ray. Amended: Ken asked that the **\$6500 for Jolly Rogers be included in committed funds minus the \$1,000 paid to the Jolly Rogers to begin the project. Available funds less committed and reserved funds are \$42,334.82.**

Correspondence: Marie acknowledged the donations for the Santa Drive Thru. She sent Ken Morgan and his wife a thank you their membership donation.

NYS Parks: Peter reported that Empire State Parks needs to put the new direction signs on the different town roads.

Membership: Claire sent all Board members a membership report. There are presently 94 active members.

Special Activity Applications: Jamie is designing the application for the new website.

Signage: Peter said there is a need for 2 more signs. One at 100 Haviland Road with both the Town and HVRT logo on it. A sign is needed for the parking lot on New Paltz Rd. across from the Firehouse. Jamie and Loretta will meet on the signage.

Speed limit on Trail: Peter reported he is waiting to see what the county recommends.

Brochure: Jamie is doing the brochure.

Paid Parking: Peter will meet next week with the Supervisor and the Town Clerk to set up a bank account for the HVRTA.

Artifacts: Peter has a form to record all artifacts donated to the HVRTA.

Bollards: Peter reported he will meet with Lieutenant Rollison in the spring for placement of the bollards.

Distance Markers: Peter said that it will be a stencil of a caboose with the distance marked.

Website: Jamie and Ethan have been working on the website. Ethan is doing still life pictures of the Hudson Valley. Eric is transferring the pay pal

link etc. Jamie sent out 135 vendor applications for the May event and applications are starting to be returned.

Newsletter: Jamie has all the past issues except for the first one.

Commercial Ave. extension: Peter said that in the spring they will dig out the turntable.

Eagle Scout Project: Peter is inviting Will Myers to our next meeting to give a final presentation on his project.

Jolly Rovers: Ken reported that the Jolly Rovers received a deposit of \$1,000 with the signing of the contract. The total cost is \$6500.

Ford Bridge: Peter sent in a request to the Grant Company for \$100,000 for the Ford Bridge and the Turntable.

Grants: Peter will meet with Walkway personnel about the site improvements at 75 and 100 Haviland Road Parking lots.

New Business: Spring Event May 8 and 9: Jamie said volunteers are needed for a 3 hour shift. Anyone interested will be able to sign up online. She reported that Benmaryl Winery donated 400 wine glasses. There will be a DJ, ATM machines, and Ethan will be dressed as Captain America with his drone. She is looking for sponsors.

St. Pauly Shed: Peter reported the possibility of a St. Pauly Shed in the parking lot across from the Firehouse. A discussion followed and no decision was made.

Bike Rental Peter suggested to the Town Board that the bike rental be set up in the corner by the tennis courts. The New Paltz Company will pay \$1000 per month for 6 months. The fee will go into the park fund. There will be no electric bikes.

Golf Cart Shuttle: Peter suggested we purchase a golf cart shuttle for tours. A discussion followed.

Improvement Suggestions: Upgrade the inside of the caboose and enhance the area around the caboose at 75 Haviland Road, improve the parking lots at the Pavilion and across from the fire house etc.

New Board Member: Jamie made a motion seconded by Vera to nominate Ethan to become a member of the HVRT Board. Motion passed.

Annual Meeting: No decision was made due to covid.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:49PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller, Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes – February 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Peter Bellizzi, President.

Board Members Present: Peter Bellizzi, Vera Lawrence, Rafael Diaz, Ken Morgan, Susan VanDeBogart, Ray Costantino via telephone
Board Members Absent: Marie Sidgwick, Eric Norberg, Loretta Miller

Guests Present: Dave Reid

Guest Presentation: Dave Reid suggested buying daffodil bulbs wholesale to sell to the community retail as a fundraiser for the trail. A committee would have to be formed to work out the particulars. Ken volunteered to be on the committee with Dave. They will report back to the board with the information they gather.

A motion was made by Vera and seconded by Sue to vote in Jami Anson as a board member.
Motion passed with eight ayes (Loretta Miller, Marie Sidgwick via email)

Treasurer's Report: Susan made a motion seconded by Ken to accept the January report to file for audit. Motion passed. The available funds less committed and reserved funds are \$24,446.59. Vera will put the CD term dates on the report for February.

Correspondence: Peter requested that a thank you be sent to all people involved in helping to make WinterFest a success, including: all chili entries, Home Depot, Rotary, Dubois Farm, Rick Ness for providing karaoke, and the solar company that donated the bouncy house. Letters should also go out to the Gomez Foundation for their donation.

Parks: no update

Membership: no report

Trail Maintenance: We are waiting on repaving Phase I until necessary trees and stumps are removed, and NYS Parks approves drawings. The Phase III work has not been completed by the contractor, a ditch still needs to be dug. Peter will bring this up at the February 19th town board meeting.

Annamarie Meisel is interested in getting high school students to help create a nature spot on the trail.

Special Activities Application: Peter reported that Highland Middle School 5K Husky Run will be held on the trail on May 7, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

He received an application from Breaking Aids Ride, a bike ride to be held on September 12, 2020 from 11:30 to 4:30 PM. It will include approximately 100 people, both young and not so

young. No fee will be charged. Sue made a motion seconded by Ken to approve this request with no fee. Motion passed.

101 New Paltz Road: Jami's brother is a structural engineer. She will ask him to look at the farmer's bridge west of the pavilion to determine its condition. Dave mentioned that Bruderhof is a great resource for volunteers.

Trail Signage: Dave will take one sign down that is covered in graffiti, and he will try to fix it. Peter found the old rail bed west of the pavilion. He also found an area to dump excess rocks. And he suggested that future signage should include the history of the railroad.

WinterFest: ZIP TIES MUST NOT BE ON WRISTS – PLACE ON JACKET FRONTS ONLY!

Speed Limit: Peter is working with the town to get a resolution written to include a maximum speed of 15 MPH, with a reduced speed to 10 MPH at Haviland and New Paltz Road before and after each caboose.

Pamphlets: Rafael needs an updated map to complete the pamphlet.

Fundraising: Daffodils as proposed by Dave Reid. See above.

Bicycle Behavior: We need to set a "Trail Courtesy" day on the trail.

Paid Parking: Haviland Road – Ray has a rough draft of a resolution which he will get to the board to review.

Bollards: On hold.

Empire State Trail: We have signs, but no agreement to install. We have a 2nd set of towers.

Distance Markers: Will not get done until Phase I is repaved.

Website: Jami is working on it, with dropdowns.

Walktober Fest: Will take place the first weekend in October. There has to be a signed agreement between the town, the Walkway and HVRTA. Fees will be \$250 for vendors, \$200 for early birds, and tickets for the wine and food tasting in the two tents will be \$40.

Signals: Should be complete and ready for distribution by the middle of May.

Motion made by Sue seconded by Ken to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lawrence
Treasurer

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes March 16, 2020

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the zoom meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Board Members Present: Jamie Anson, Vera Lawrence, Ken Morgan, Eric Norberg, Marie Sidgwick, Ethan Thompson, and Susan Van De Bogart.

Board Member Absent: Ray Costantino, Rafael Diaz, Loretta Miller.

Members Present: None.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion by Eric and seconded by Susan.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved with a motion made by Ken and seconded by Susan. Eric, Vera, & Jami to meet regarding a Walktober Fest accounting – final report pending.

Correspondence: Discussion was held regarding form for thank you letters sent to provide personalized response along with required information needed for donation-matching organizations. Marie to send thank you for \$75 donation received in memory of Michael Anzevinio.

NYS Parks: No new information. Empire State Parks to put new direction signs on roadways.

Membership: No report.

Special Activity Applications: No new info. Jamie is designing the application for the new website.

Signage: No new information. Peter said there is a need for 2 more signs. One at 100 Haviland Road with both the Town and HVRT logo on it. A sign is needed for the parking lot on New Paltz Rd. across from the Firehouse. Jamie and Loretta will meet on the signage.

Speed limit on Trail: No new info. Awaiting further information from the county.

Brochure: No new report. Jamie is doing the brochure.

Paid Parking: On-going. No new changes.

Artifacts: No new information. Peter has a form to record all donated artifacts.

Bollards: No new information. Peter to meet with Lieutenant Rollison in the spring for placement of the bollards.

Distance Markers: Pending. Peter stated a caboose or train stencil is being made. Mileage will be marked on it.

Website: Jamie and Ethan have been working on the website. We are now connected to HVRTS.ORG. Another month is needed before transitioning from the old website which remains active. Ethan & Jami presented the new website features.

Commercial Ave. extension: Peter he had to meet with _____ about this.

Jolly Rovers: Ken reported that the Jolly Rovers are gathering stones for the stairs at this time. Jami to design an informational 3'x8' banner with JR & HVRT logos to inform trail users of the work being done.

Ford Bridge: No new information. Peter has sent in a request to the Grant Company for \$100,000 for the Ford Bridge and the Turntable.

Grants: Nothing new to report. Peter will meet with Walkway personnel about the site improvements at 75 and 100 Haviland Road Parking lots.

HVRTails, Amy

Sp. 10 Event May 8 and 9: Jami said 60 volunteers are needed for Friday & Saturday. She also reported on sponsors and donors obtained, events vendors and entertainers participating. She reported also having a 50/50 raffle. 14 Farms and many Wineries, Distilleries, & Cideries, and Radio Woodstock will be part of the event as well.

Bike Rental Peter indicated a New Paltz company will be renting bikes from Tony Williams Park. The fee will go into the park fund. There will be no electric bikes.

Improvement Suggestions: No new report. Plan remains to upgrade the inside of the caboose and enhance the area around the caboose at 75 Haviland Road, improve the parking lots at the Pavilion and across from the fire house etc.

Annual Meeting: Plan pending due to COVID.

New Business:

- Marie to contact Ethan Thompson to obtain his email address so Loretta may update our Board contact information.
- Reported that trash is again cascading downhill from Copolla's Restaurant onto HVRT property which needs cleaning up.
- Trail maintenance by the Town is underway.
- NEXT MEETING: 4-20-2021 Board meeting at Town Hall

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Van de Bogart for Loretta Miller, Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes April 16, 2020

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi via zoom at 7:26 PM.
Board members present: Eric Norberg, Loretta Miller Vera Lawrence, Rafael Diaz, Ray Costantino, Jamie Anson, Ken Morgan and Marie Sidgwick **Board Members absent:** Susan VanDeBogart **Member Present:** Ed Miller

Minutes: The minutes were approved by a motion made by Eric and seconded by Rafael.
Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion to approve the February report seconded by Eric. Motion Passed. Available funds less committed funds are \$28,589.69. The March report was approved by a motion from Ray and seconded by Eric. The available funds less the committed funds are \$28,449.71.

Correspondence: Marie will send a thank you to all participants who donated chili.
Reports/Updates: NYS Parks: Peter reported there has been no meetings. Town of Lloyd Supervisor Fred Pizzuto and Peter are supposed to meet with Parks about the Grant for both parking lots on Haviland Road.

Membership: Claire sent everyone a membership report via email. There are 109 active members. She sends email blasts periodically to memberships that have expired.

Trail Maintenance: Vera reported that the repaving of the Rail Trail is ready to go out to bid.
101 New Paltz Road:

Master Plan is on hold.

Trail Signage: Peter emailed the Board a copy of the proposed Hudson Valley Rail Trail Courtesy Sign. There was a discussion about the wording of the dog leash. It was decided it would be a maximum of 6 feet long and remove the word retractable leash. Eric made a motion to accept the concept seconded by Ray. Motion passed 8 to 1. The one dissenting vote was Ken Morgan. Peter reported we need two parking signs in the parking lot across from Fire House 2. He said that the speed limit signage is being reviewed by Town Attorney Sean Murphy.

Old Business

Brochure: Rafael reported the new Wood Walk and the Black Creek view has to be added to the map. He is designing a 18X24 landscape sign to be placed at the beginning of the path for the Woods Walk.

Daffodils: Ken will contact Dave Reid about the project, but the bulbs will be planted in the fall.

Paid Parking: Peter reported the resolution was sent to the Town attorney Sean Murphy.

After he reviews it Supervisor Fred Pizzuto will present it to the Town Board

Empire State Trails: Peter reported HVRT is waiting for them to put up the signs.

Website: Jamie said that she gave Peter Word Documents to check and there will be 3 templates to review.

Walktoberfest: Jamie reported that Walkway is in agreement with the event. She stated that a decision to have the event should be made by the middle of June. No vendor checks are currently being cashed. She will accept applications up to the end of September. A gentleman from Marlboro will do spinning sculptures on the Rail Trail and Walkway. Walkway is requesting 15% for administrative cost such as emails, phone messages etc. of the co-sponsored events with the HVRTA. The proposal is being reviewed by attorney Sean Murphy.

New Business: Signals: Rafael will do a four page newsletter for the spring/summer edition.

Annual Meeting: It was decided to discuss the event at the next meeting.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Ken and Peter have been working on clearing the old Rail Trail Bed.

Rafael is developing a sign. Ray suggested Peter inform the Town Board of the development of the Woods Walk on the old rail trail bed.

Map in Brochure: Ray asked Jamie about updating the map. She said it would take less time if there is a working file of the map. Peter will check.

Turntable at Commercial Avenue: Peter reported the turntable is 60 feet in diameter. Ed said that it was used to turn the steam engines around, Peter is going to ask Brooks and Brooks to the survey the area to see what property the Town owns.

Railroad Crossing Sign at Vintage Village: Ray suggested Peter ask Ethan for the Railroad Crossing sign.

Farmer Bridge: Peter will check with an engineer about the safety of the bridge.

Adjourned: Eric made a motion to adjourn at 8:40PM seconded by Jamie. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes May 19, 2020

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:05 via zoom.
Board Members Present: Vera Lawrence, Loretta Miller, Eric Norberg, Rafael Diaz, Ken Morgan, Marie Sidgwick, Ray Costantino and Susan VanDeBogart Board
Member Absent: Jamie Anson
Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Vera and seconded by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion seconded by Rafael to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed. Available funds less reserved funds are \$29,042.93. Vera indicated that the first CD of \$25,405.38 is due May 31st. The Board suggested Vera roll-over the CD into a preferred account. Vera informed the Board that Jennifer and Eric Johnson from NYC donated \$500 to the HVRTA through Fidelity Charitable.

Correspondence: Marie will send a thank you to the Johnsons for their generous donation. She also said that she mailed thank you notes to all the businesses that donated chili for Winterfest.

Reports/Updates: NYS Parks: Peter reported he is in contact with the Park Rangers. A statue of Sojourner Truth will be erected at the Walkway Park entrance. Parks made the signs for wearing masks on the HVRT.

Membership: Claire sent everyone a report and there are 107 active members. Email blasts are sent periodically.

Trail Maintenance: Peter reported that Phase 1 is started from Commercial Avenue to Tony Williams Field. Highway Superintendent Richie Klotz will be doing the drainage etc. A resolution will be sent to the Town Board that parts of the Rail Trail will be closed intermittently. He also said that the John Burrough's project has been funded.

Plaque: Peter suggested that HVRTA purchase a plaque in honor of Highway Superintendent Richie Klotz to be placed on the HVRT.

Trail Signage: Peter said that Empire State Trail put up their signs. New Rail Trail Safety and Courtesy signs will be placed at all the Trail Heads. Go slow and speed limit signs are also needed two parking signs as well across from Firehouse 2. The speed limit request is being reviewed by the Town attorney Sean Murphy.

Old Business: Brochure: Rafael said that he is updating the map otherwise it is completed.

Paid Parking: Ray's draft of the resolution was sent to the Town Board. Peter reported that the resolution is being reviewed by the Town attorney Sean Murphy. Ray suggested Peter send the Board members a copy of the resolution.

Daffodils: Ken contacted Dave who spoke to the owner of the daffodil farm in Chester, NY. Dave's daughter would promote the project through school.

Walktoberfest October 3rd and 4th: Peter reported that Jamie will make a decision in June and send reminders.

Website: Jamie and Peter will meet to update the new website.

New Business

Annual Meeting: Peter said that the Annual Meeting would possibly be July 11th.

Signals: Rafael will do a spring/summer newsletter.

Woods Walk: Peter reported that the adjacent property owner had a concern, but it is resolved. The Rotary Club wants to donate one of their benches to the Rail Trail. It was suggested it be placed at the Trail Head of the Woods Walk.

Commercial Avenue: Peter and Ken uncovered a lot of the Rail Bed. They would like to uncover the 60Foot diameter turntable. Patti Brooks needs to survey the property for the boundary lines. Ray suggested doing a dig for artifacts and that possibly someone at New Paltz college would be interested. Ray asked Peter to contact Chris White for an Evaluation Map of the area which shows the history.

Mulch: Peter and Ken will see about mulching the area at Commercial Avenue. Ken said that Mr. Sorbello is willing to help with landscaping.

Town Board Meeting: Peter will remind the Town Board about the Sidewalk from Commercial Ave to Town and also that Highbridge's fence is on Rail Trail property.

Adjourned: Eric made a motion seconded by Ray to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM.
Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes—June 16, 2020

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:20 via zoom.
Board Members in Attendance: Ken Morgan, Rafael Diaz, Loretta Miller, Eric Norberg, Vera Lawrence and Marie Sidgwick **Board Members Absent:** Susan VanDeBogart, Jamie Anson and Ray Costantino

Minutes: Vera made a motion seconded by Eric to approve the minutes with the correction; the Available funds less the committed and Reserve funds is \$29,042.93. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Peter made a correction that \$140 was for the Woods Trail not for the minuteman press etc. The report was approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Loretta. Available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$29,292.94. Vera said that she rolled over the CD due on May 31st for 8 months at 1%. She also reported that the Gomez trust donated \$500 to the HVRTA.

Correspondence: Marie will send thank you to the Gomez family for the \$500 donation.
Membership: No report to date.

Report/Updates

NYS Parks: Peter reported he has contact with parks personnel weekly and all Walkway fund raising events are on hold.

Trail Maintenance: Highway Superintendent, Richie Klotz will be working on the Rail Trail in two weeks. The Town of Lloyd Building and Grounds does the mowing etc. at all Rail Trail entrances. The Highway Department mows the Rail Trail.

Special Activity Applications: Peter reported that ALS would like to do their race on October 18th.

Trail Signage: Peter will check with Jamie about the Rail Trail Courtesy and Safety signs. All six entrances to the Rail Trail will need a sign. **Two Parking signs** are needed at the entrance across from Firehouse Two. A sign at 100 Haviland Road Parking lot will have the symbols of the Town of Lloyd and HVRT. Need a few signs suggesting bikers go slow. Some Board members were concerned about too many signs on the Rail Trail and that less is best.

Old Business

Speed Limit: Peter said that the chief of police will soon have an officer with a four-wheeler on the Rail Trail. It was suggested that the speed limit be 10MPH at Haviland Road.

Brochure: Rafael reported the text has been completed and he just has to finish the map.

Dafodils: No report.

Paid Parking: Peter reported still waiting for the resolution from Attorney Sean Murphy. He has had the resolution since February.

Website: Peter and Jamie are working on the website and will present it to the Board when completed.

Walkoberfest: Peter reported that Jamie has not made a decision to have the event based on number of vendors etc. Peter will contact the Board via email on the decision by the end of June.

Annual Meeting: It will be July 21st at 7PM via zoom or WebX. All HVRTA members will receive an invite to attend the meeting. Three Board Members are up for reelection;

Jamie Anson, Ray Costantino and Rafael Diaz

Signals: Rafael will do a summer edition of the newsletter to be mailed to members.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Peter reported all is good.

Evaluation Map: Peter received the map from the county, Chris White.

Commercial Avenue: Peter said that Pattie Brooks is doing the surveying of the area.

The Turntable area will need to be cleared. The Town is going to have a temporary

emergency entrance off of Commercial Avenue.

New Business: Some Board members expressed a concern that the HVRTA should be notified of any emergencies or police activity on the Rail Trail. Peter will check into

this matter.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Annual Meeting
Minutes July 21, 2020

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:07 PM via zoom. **Board members present** Marie Sidgwick, Loretta Miller, Jamie Anson, Ken Morgan, Rafael Diaz, Susan VanDeBogart, Ray Costantino and Vera Lawrence

Members Present: Several members were present via zoom.
Introduction of Board of Directors: Present Peter Bellizzi introduced the Board of Directors and their responsibilities.

Minutes: The minutes from the 2019 Annual meeting were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Vera.

Election of Directors: The following Board of Directors were unanimously approved by those present for a three-year term; Ray Costantino, Rafael Diaz and Jamie Anson
Repaving of Original Rail Trail: Presently the Highway Department is fixing the drainage on the original trail and when completed the Peckham Company is contracted to black top the area from Commercial Avenue to Tony Williams Field.

Walktoberfest October 3rd and 4th: Jamie reported she is in contact with Walkway and Walktoberfest is considered an essential event as per covid-19 guidelines. Vendors will bring their own pop-up tents and will be following all covid-19 guidelines. At the present time HVRT has six vendor applications and Walkway has 15. There will be kinetic sculptures along the HVRT free of charge.

The ALS Walk will take place on October 18th from Haviland Road to the Walkway.

Website: Jamie showed everyone portions of the Website she is developing for the HVRTA. She will email the Board members the link to the website.

Gardens: Peter recognized the people who maintain the gardens: David Reid-Commercial Avenue, JaneBoden -Caboose, Ken Morgan the entire rail trail, Dick Hall, 75 Haviland Road, and Baker Brothers 101 New Paltz Road, lawn and gardens.

Mowing of the Rail Trail: Peter reported that Supervisor, Fred Pizzuto has sent out bids to mow the HVRT. Ray asked Peter to request a copy of the bids from the Supervisor.

Paid Parking 75 and 100 Haviland Road: Peter and Ray will be interviewing the company Upsafely which has the equipment for downloading information and enforcing paid parking. The resolution for paid parking will go before the Town Board at their next meeting.

Newsletter (Signals): Rafael will publish a summer newsletter.

Signage (Rail Trail Safety and Courtesy): Peter and Jamie will check with companies to print the signs.

Question and Answers: Amy Fall had a concern about bike safety. She was hit by a biker who did not stop. She contacted the State Police with no results. She was advised to call the local police and Peter will make the local police aware of the situation.

Speed Recording Sign: Ray asked Peter to see if the HVRT can borrow the speed sign from the Town to check speed of bikers.

Saso Cleaning Service: Ken questioned why we were paying Saso cleaning when the bathrooms are closed due to the covid. A discussion followed. The consensus of the Board was to only request cleaning when necessary for an event not personal use.

Adjournment: Eric made a motion seconded by Susan to adjourn at 8:09PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Miller, Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes August 18, 2020

Meeting: The Zoom meeting was called to order by president, Peter Bellizzi at 7:02PM.
Board Members Present: SusanVanDeBogart, Vera Lawrence, Marie Sidgewick, Eric Norberg, Rafael Diaz, Ken Morgan, Loretta Miller and Ray Costantino. **Board Member Absent:** Jamie Anson **Member present:** Ed Miller
Minutes: A motion made by Eric seconded by Marie approved the minutes.
Treasurer's Report: The June report was approved with a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Sue. The available funds less the committed and reserved funds are \$29,702.61. Ken made a motion to accept the July report seconded by Rafael. Motion passed. Available funds less committed and reserved funds are \$29,680.82. There was a discussion on some of the line items. The Board decided not to reinvest the CD that is due on September 29th.
Correspondence: A thank you will be sent to IBM for the \$158 from matching funds.
NYS Parks: Peter reported that the statue of Sojourner Truth was installed by the Walkway on the Highland side. It will be unveiled at a later date. The Walkway will be having a Moonwalk limiting the number of participants.
Membership: Claire sent all Board members the membership report. There are 120 members.
Trail Maintenance: Richie, Highway Superintendent will be paving the older section of the Rail Trail. He will rent a paving machine with the monies from the grant.
Old Business: **Speed Limit:** Peter is checking with other Rail Trails to see if they have a speed limit for bikers.
Brochure: Rafael reported he is adding the Woods Trail to the map. He needs a large copy of the map to edit. Peter will check with Claire for the original map.
Paid Parking/Haviland Road: Peter reported Ray completed the resolution which will go before the Town Board tomorrow night. The initial program is \$17,000 and the yearly is \$4,600. Ray reported that the new software will allow you to register your vehicles online, not necessary every year. Local residents and taxpayers will not have to pay a fee to park. It was suggested a fee of \$80 a year for out of town people. The monies collected will go into the HVRT reserved fund in the Town. Ray will check the amount in the reserved account for the Rail Trail. Ray asked Peter to send the Board members the new resolution. **PRD:** Eric requested the Board receive a copy of the PRD account. The Paid Parking will be in progress in January of 2021.
Website: No update from Jamie.
Walktoberfest October 2nd and 3rd: Peter did not receive an update from Jamie.
Empire State Trails: Peter does not know who to contact about the signs.
Old Rail Bed Trail: Ken would like to see a picnic area by Black Creek. He will contact Jolly Rovers about a stone staircase to connect the Old Rail Bed Trail to the Rail Trail. Ray also suggested going under the Rail Trail.
Signals: Rafael will do a newsletter in mid-September.
Upsafety: Peter will send the link to all Board members.
Commercial Avenue Extension: Peter reported the area has been surveyed and you will be able to see the markers and turntable better in the fall. He suggested the parking be increased at Commercial Avenue.

Eagle Scout Project: Peter said that Will Maier will be doing an Eagle Scout Project at Commercial Avenue.

New Business: Ken inquired about the signs on the Trail by the Old Rotary Garden by Mountainside Woods. Peter said that the Town is attending to this issue.

John Burroughs Site: It is behind Mountainside Woods and will eventually connect into the Rail Trail.

Scenic Hudson: Scenic Hudson purchased 303 acres, from the Ludwig building, around the Trailer Park to South Street.

Adjourned: Eric made a motion seconded by Loretta to adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes September 15, 2020

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the zoom meeting to order at 6:59 PM. **Board Members Present:** Ken Morgan, Loretta Miller, Vera Lawrence, Ray Costantino, Rafael Diaz, Marie Sidgwick, Eric Norberg and Susan VanDeBogart (late) **Board Member Absent:** Jamie Anson **Member Present** Ed Miller **Guest** Boy Scout, Will Maier from troop 193 and Bob Maier

Eagle Scout Project at Commercial Avenue Exit: Will gave a presentation about his Eagle Scout Project on the Rail Trail at Commercial Avenue in honor of his deceased grandfather, Frank Maier. Frank was a railroad buff and a collector of railroad artifacts. Will would like to dedicate the park to his grandfather. Some of the artifacts available are whistle posts, switch stands, switch stands and locks, rerailer, maintenance flag and crossing signs. He showed the Board a drawing of his proposed Park. A discussion followed and Will was asked about the funding. He said his grandfather's family was very interested in funding. It was recommended he also check with different companies. The Board suggested use of different artifacts besides the ones he presently has because of duplication. **Motion:** Eric made a motion seconded by Loretta to except the presentation with a few suggested changes. Motion passed. Ken requested Will send his final design to the Board.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Ken.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion to accept the treasurer's report seconded by Marie. Motion passed. Available funds less committed and reserved funds are \$29,756.40.

NYS Parks: Peter reported that Parks is going to take down a Pine Tree by the Gateway to help improve the area.

Membership: Claire sent all Board members an update. Presently there are 118 members.

Trail Maintenance: Peter reported they will begin paving the Rail Trail on September 28th. Peter suggested before they pave the Rail Trail that an electric cable be run under the Rail Trail to the shed.

Walktoberfest Oct. 3rd and 4th: Peter reported there are 80 vendors at \$200 for two days and they will all be on the Rail Trail. The Parking lot will have the beer and liquor tent and the chef demo will be by the caboose. Children events will be at the Walkway welcome center. Kinetic art spin will be on the Trail. There will be handicap parking outside the Parking Lot. Tickets will be available at three different locations. A Shuttle service will be available to the event. Volunteers are needed for the HVRT booth. Walkway is paying for tents, barriers and porta-potties.

100 Haviland Road: Peter reported the Highway Department added some fill to the Parking Lot.

101 New Paltz Road: Farmer's Bridge: Peter said that engineers Barton and LoGuidice will check the safety of the bridge and make a recommendation. Ray said that the Bruderhof like to volunteer in the community and possible would like to help with the bridge repairs if needed.

Brochure: Rafael completed the changes to the map. Peter will contact Emery Payer who designed the original map.

Paid Parking: Peter reported that ATI was sent their deposit and the Town will set up the account after September 30th. He is in contact with Upsafely who supplies signage, kiosks etc. The goal is to start paid parking January 1st.

Railroad Artifacts Donation: Will Maier will be donating his grandfather's artifacts.

Empire State Trail: Peter reported they took back their signs. HVRTA needs the parking lot signs from Greenway.

Website: Jamie is still developing the website.

Signals: Rafael is not going to do a newsletter.

Commercial Avenue Extension: Peter suggested adding more parking on the other side of the Rail Trail. The Town is contacting the family with the old trailer and truck to see about disposing of them. Peter will have to excavate in order to see the Turntable.

New Business: Project Give Back: Eric reported as part of Project Give Back the Highland Library would like to do a clean-up on the HVRT on October 17th. Board approved of the project. Ken suggested to fine someone to clean the brush on the side of the Rail Trail.

Adjourned: Eric made a motion to adjourn at 8:28PM seconded by Vera. Motion passed.

Sincerely Submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes October 20, 2020

Meeting: The zoom meeting was called to order by president Peter Bellizzi at 7:09 PM.
Board Members in Attendance: Vera Lawrence, Loretta Miller, Susan VanDeBogart, Eric Norberg, Rafael Diaz, Marie Sidgewick, Ray Costantino, Ken Morgan and Jamie Anson **Member:** Ed Miller

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Marie.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta made a motion seconded by Marie to approve the report as amended, to deduct the ATI payment from the paid parking. Report approved as amended. The Available funds less the committed and reserved funds are \$34,448.34.

Correspondence: Marie sent a thank you to the Thomas family for their \$2000 donation. She will send a thank you to Lisa Gill of the Highland Library for their Rail Trail clean-up from the Visitors Center to 9W on October 17th. Jamie will send Marie a list of sponsors of the Walktoberfest to acknowledge.

Membership: Claire sent all Board members an update. There are 111 Active Members. Eric updated the pay pal for membership which will make it easier. He will setup pay pal for Vera.

Trail Maintenance: Peter reported the Rail Trail is paved and they are placing dirt on the sides that are too high. Ken recommended they pack the dirt.

Special Activities: Cub Scouts pack 70 had a meeting at the Pavilion.

Master Plan, Mae Lane, Farmer's Bridge: Peter reported he met with engineers from Barton and Loguidice to survey the bridge for safety etc. It will cost \$8400 for their survey. Ray asked Peter to send the Board a copy of the proposal.

Trail Signage: Peter will meet with Jamie for the verbiage for the signs informing the public of paid parking in the near future.

Paid Parking: Peter reported we will be getting the paid parking signs from the company in approximately two weeks. Town of Lloyd residence will be able to register on the website. A discussion followed about scanning license plates and writing a ticket etc. Issues were not resolved. The Meter person will be an employee of the Town of Lloyd. Ray suggested Town of Lloyd residence be given a warning the first time.

Speed Limit of Bikes on the Trail: Peter attended an Ulster County Trails meeting and the speed limit was discussed but not decided. He suggested we wait to what the County is doing.

Brochure: Rafael is not able to update on the map. Jamie will contact Emery Payer who developed the original map.

Bollards: Peter said they may be needed for events on the Rail Trail.

Empire State Trail: Peter contacted Andy Bierce about the Trail Head Signs.

Distance Markers: Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Website: Jamie said that she has videos and needs more pictures. Board members are reminded to submit a Bio. She would like to have the website ready early November. **Motion** Marie made a motion seconded by Eric to pay Ethan Thompson \$250 for his drone video of the HVRT.

Walktoberfest: Jamie reported the event was very successful but there is a need for volunteers. There were 103 vendors and it was well attended each day. She suggested we have the event in May and October in 2021. **Motion:** Rafael made a motion

seconded by Vera to have the event the first weekend of May and the first weekend of October in 2021. Motion passed. Jamie is sending all Board members a detailed copy of Walktoberfest. **Motion:** Loretta made a motion to compensate Jamie the Chairperson of Walktoberfest 10% of the net income, Vera seconded the motion and it passed.

Eagle Scout Project: Peter sent everyone a copy of Will's plan and he will be working on the project this weekend.

Signals (Newsletter): Ratael said he will do a winter edition. Jamie will assist him.

New Business:

Jolly Rovers: Ken reported they are a nonprofit group that build stone steps and they train people to build the steps. Ken will request a proposal from the Jolly Rovers for the steps from the Old Railroad bed to the Rail Trail. Ken said that the berm is loose.

Pollinator Pathway: Peter said it is a program for restoring habitats for pollinators like bees and other insects. Plants rely on pollinating insects to reproduce. Peter will send all Board members a copy of Pollinator Pathway.

Bird Dung: Vera reported the mess the birds are making at the Pavilion. Henry power washed the area. The problem is the bird nests are in the attic and difficult to solve.

Electric Connection to the Shed: Loretta suggested Peter be compensated for his labor of going under the Rail Trail bed with a conduit to connect the electricity to the Shed. The Board would like to wait until the project is completed.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes November 17, 20

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the zoom meeting to order at 7:06PM. **Board Members Present:** Ken Morgan, Loretta Miller, Vera Lawrence, Eric Norberg and Marie Sidgwick **Board Members Absent:** Rafael Diaz, Susan VanDeBogart, Jamie Anson and Ray Costantino **Member Present:** Ed Miller

Minutes: Vera made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Ken. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved with a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Eric. The Available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$38,300.61. The final financial report from Walktoberfest is not completed. Ken will do a follow up on how to show proof of donations from IBM.

Correspondence: Marie acknowledged donations from Apple Greens Golf Course, CPD, the Jamal family and the Thomas family.

NYS Parks: Peter reported the East side of Walkway was closed due to construction of a new friends building. Peter was not informed everyone would be using the West side.

Membership: Claire sent all Board members a report. Presently we have 98 active members. Renewals were sent out recently.

Trail Maintenance: Peter blows the leaves on the Trail with his truck.

Trail Signage: Loretta reported that 8 rules and safety signs and 16 cyclists signs are on order with Minuteman Press. Peter said there is \$16,500 in the Rail Trail PRD account and he will use that monies to buy the poles for the signs. Peter also ordered signs that say paid parking in 2021.

Paid Parking: Peter needs to meet with the Town Clerk, Wendy Rosinski , Supervisor Fred Pizzuto and the bookkeeper to establish a town account for paid parking. They also have forms that need to be addressed. Ken suggested that we advertise paid parking on social network.

Bollard: Peter said that Lieutenant Rollison suggested we need bollards. Peter will meet with him on placement.

Empire State Trails: Peter reported that they are interested in all trails. There was a tragic accident on the Kingston Trail due to lack of signage.

Distance Markers on the Rail Trail: Vera suggested we use a caboose shape with the distances marked on the Rail Trail. Peter is checking whether it should be ¼ mile or ½ mile markers.

Website: Peter said he, Jamie and Eric will be meeting.

Newsletter/Signals: No progress, Peter reminded the Board anyone can write an article for the newsletter.

Old Rail Bed Trail: Peter said it will remain open all year.

Commercial Ave. Extension: Peter reported that Charlie Long will remove the trailers from Mrs. Krieklis's property.

Eagle Scout Project: Peter reported that Will Maier's project is progressing, he is putting in a second bench.

Jolly Rovers Project: Ken emailed all Board members the proposal and pictures of the stone steps to connect the Old Rail Bed to the Rail Trail. A discussion followed and Eric made a motion seconded by Marie to proceed and present a resolution to the Town

Board for the construction of stone steps by the Jolly Rovers at \$6,500. Motion Passed. Peter will present the resolution to the Town Board.

Walktoberfest: Peter reported they are in the final stage of the financial report.

New Business:

Santa Drive Thru December 11th:(4-7) Peter is working with the Town of Lloyd Events committee, Regie Osterhoudt, to do a drive by with Santa at 75 Haviland Road. Peter is suggesting the Town Businesses put coupons in the bags with the candy. Volunteers are needed.

Adjourned: Eric made a motion seconded by Ken to adjourn at 8:29PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes December 15, 2020

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the zoom meeting to order at 7:02PM. **Board Members Attending:** Eric Norberg, Loretta Miller, Vera Lawrence, Rafael Diaz, Jamie Anson and Ken Morgan; **Board Members Absent:** Marie Sidgwick, Susan VanDeBogart and Ray Costantino **Member:** Ed Miller **Guest:** Ethan Thompson who did the drone video of the Woods Trail(Old Rail Trail) is interested in the HVRT Board.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Vera.

Treasurer's Report: The minutes were approved with the correction under disbursements, to change the date from October to November. The motion was made by Loretta and seconded by Eric. The Available funds less the committed and reserved funds is \$38,570.92. The CD that matures in January will not be reinvested due to extremely low interest rate.

Correspondence: Peter will send Marie a list of people and businesses that should be acknowledged for their support and donations to the Santa Drive thru event.

NYS Parks Peter reported Parks donated the Railings for the Santa Drive Thru.

Membership: No report.

Special Activities: Peter said that ALS and The Alzheimer Association contacted him for 2021 in October.

101 New Paltz Road: The Master Plan : The Ford Bridge: Peter said that Dave Reed and Jeff Anzevino contacted him about repairing the bridge etc. Peter informed them about the estimate we received from the engineers.

Signage Peter: Peter reported that we have 8 courtesy and safety signs and 16 new bike signs. The highway department is ordering the poles.

Speed Limit: Peter is waiting for the Ulster County report, so we are all in compliance.

Brochure:Rafael said the text is completed and Jamie will check on getting the map for the brochure.

Paid Parking: Peter is waiting for the Town to set up an account.

Railroad Artifacts: Peter wants to contact Matt who lives in Marlboro about artifacts etc.

Distance markers: The distance will be marked in one direction starting at HVRT gate by Walkway. It was suggested to use cabooses as markers.

Website: Jamie is working on it and will meet with Peter, Eric and Ethan Saturday.

Signals(Newsletter):Rafael said that due to health issues he will be unable to do the newsletter in the future. Jamie will help Rafael with the present Newsletter.

Commercial Avenue Extension: Peter said that Charlie Long will remove the remaining part of a trailer and help to remove the trees by the Turntable. HVRTA pays for the dumpsters.

Eagle Scout Project by Will Maier: The project is complete and very outstanding. Peter said that Ray has railroad crossing gates. They need a concrete base and will be placed by the Eagle Scout Project.

Jolly Rovers: Ken reported the contract is for \$6500 and they would like a \$1000 down payment. In January they will harvest stone from the south side of the Rail Trail and the highway department will assist in moving the stone to the north side in the spring so the project can commence. There will be approximately 22 steps. Peter will receive a copy of the contract.

New Business: Walktoberfest: Jamie will receive 10% of the HVRTA profit which is \$1,560 for organizing the event. Still waiting for Tantillo's check of \$250.

Grant: Peter reported that the Herman Goldman Group who write grants for non-profits suggested the HVRTA apply for a grant.

Map: Jamie said that she would check with Pager about the map needed for the Brochure.

Ulster County Travel Guide (2021-2022) Peter reported that a list of our events for the year must be submitted by January 29th.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary