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Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes October 18, 2022

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:08PM at the Highland Landing Park. **Board Members present;** Rafael Diaz, Loretta Miller, Susan VanDeBogart, Eric Norberg, Marie Sidgwick, Chrissy Wolcott and Jamie Anson **Board Members Absent;** Fred Pizzuto(7:45) and Ray Costantino **Member/Guest;** Patti Scott, Sultaan Mokal and Erik Hazelton

Minutes: Loretta read a brief caption of the minutes to the members and guests present. The minutes were approved with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Rafael.

Treasurer's report: Peter reported that Chrissy is our new treasurer and will have a report at the next meeting. Peter said there is \$94,504.70 in the account. Eric reported that 50% of the Grant money from the historical signage will be going into the account.

NYS Parks: Greenway through Empire State Trails is collecting data on use of the Rail Trail. The HVRTA will receive the data when completed.

Special Activities: ALS and Alzheimer events on the Rail Trail were successful. Peter said that Supervisor Dave Plavchak questioned why the town did not receive the proceeds from the events.

75 Haviland Road: Caboose: Peter reported HVRTA received two Caboose stoves from 1809 that were donated by the Shelburn Falls Trolley Museum . Peter installed one of the stoves in the 75 Haviland Road Caboose.

Grant with Walkway at 75 Haviland Road: Peter reported the Town still needs a detailed engineer drawing of the area at 75 Haviland Road parking lot for the grant. After a brief discussion the HVRT Board suggested that the Town use HVRT PRD funds to expedite this project. Maire, corresponding secretary, will write a letter to Supervisor Dave Plavchak and to the Town Board indicating the HVRTA would like to use the funds from the Rail Trail's PRD for the detailed engineering drawing. Jamie indicated that the Walkway portion is complete and sent to Albany for approval. Central Hudson is in the process of doing their portion of the project.

Brochure: Ralph said the map is completed and Jenn has the map. Eric has the Greenway map.

Bike Safety : Peter reported that Ulster County is going to write a solution for all county trails regarding e-bikes etc.

Paid Parking: Peter reported HVRTA still waiting for a Town Resolution. The Board suggested a meeting with Supervisor Dave Plavchak regarding this matter. HVRTA has invested money in a kiosk, signs etc.

Website: Eric reported the website is close to being completed.

Commercial Avenue Extension: Peter hopes to have the turntable and Tower area cleared.

Historic Signage--Matt Kierstead: Peter said that the 5 signs are almost completed.

Art Along the Trail. Peter reported the signs are almost completed, one 5X10 and four small ones will be installed on the Farmers Bridge this fall or early spring.

Little Friends Library: Susan said the library is functioning.

Berm 299: Susan reported that to complete the Berm more groups are needed to plant a section. Loretta said that the Residence of Vineyard Commons planted a section and a group from the Bruderhof's are coming Saturday to start a section.

New Business: Peter would like to purchase stickers. It was tabled to next meeting.

1. **Pavilion at 101 New Paltz Road:** A committee of Peter, Sue, Chrissy and Eric will assess the needs of the Pavilion and report back at the next meeting.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller, Recording Secretary