

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes 01.17.2023

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

Board Members Present: Eric Norberg, Marie Sidgwick, Chrissy Wolcott, Susan Van De Bogart, Patti Scott, Erik Hazelton, Jamie Anson, and Chrissy Wolcott.

Board Members Absent: Ray Costantino, Rafael Diaz, Loretta Miller, and Fred Pizzuto.

Member/Guest: Carissa Parise and Julie Kulaga (TOL Events Committee)

Town of Lloyd Events Committee Presentation: Carissa Parise and Julie Kulaga presented a plan to hold a race on the Rail Trail on March 18, 2023 beginning at 11AM at Tony Williams, and are seeking assistance. The plan is to develop this race as an annual event. Vineyard Avenue will be closed from 11am-6pm for additional festivities.

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

Treasurer's Report: Chrissy to issue correction in distribution in pay outs for the \$101.93 amount for work on Haviland Caboose. Motion to accept report with corrections was made by Pete, seconded by Jami.

Correspondence: No report.

Membership : No change. Peter reported there are 142 members.

Trail Maintenance: Little done this month.

Special Events 2023: Bike NY – 06.26.2023, ALS and Alzheimer's events in October.

2023 Projects:

Repair of cabooses: Must meet to plan additional work. \$10K budgeted/caboose.

Signage: Trail – Pending; Parking Lots – No change.

Brochure: Eric and Jenn have gotten together and will hopefully have the brochure within the next 2 days. He will send everyone a copy via email.

Paid Parking: No change. The town needs a law from Sean Murphy the Towns Attorney. Councilman Mike Guerriero is pursuing this issue.

Website: Eric N reported the website is essentially completed. Erik H and Patti will submit their bios and pictures to add to site. Merchant site to be added. Chrissy will handle membership.

Walkway Site Improvements: A meeting was held earlier today attended by representatives from WOTH, Town of Lloyd, HVRTA, and CH. Town of Lloyd Engineer is to complete map. Plan to be completed and submitted for further reviews by Central Hudson, Public Safety Commission, then to NYS for contract/grant. Each group has 90 days for review. The grant budget will be "off" due to change in costs since initial request was written.

Historic Signage(Matt Kierstead): Peter reported the signs need to be set at a 45 degree angle to be handicap accessible. Fossil Graphics is supplying the initially planned 4 signs at \$5745 plus \$1173 for shipping. These signs and Matt's work will be covered by the Greenway \$20K matching grant. An additional 2 signs would permit improved placement of information along the trail and can be obtained for \$619/sign. Motion to fund an additional 2 signs was made by Susan, seconded by Chrissy.

Art Along the Trail: Peter reported two of the triangles are completed. Susan Togan is working on completing the artwork.

Berm on 299: No report.

Joint Events(Mayfest, Walktoberfest)with WOTH: WOTH's new Executive Director, Lori Robinson, is working on contract for partnering events with HVRTA. Agreement is still to be worked out. The plan is to provide \$9K in total/event: \$8K/event to HVRTA, \$1K/event to Peter for the work he does over the length of the event. If we find sponsors for the event, those funds will be the HVRTA's. The Caboose and that area will remain the HVRTA's for the events.

Strategic 5-Year Plan Presentation by Chrissy Wolcott:

- **VMOSA: Vision, Mission, Objective, Strategy, Action Plan** – Provides structure, Helps develop consensus, Focuses efforts, Meets needs of clients, Set goals with time frames.

- **SWOT: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats**
- **Surveys**

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm on motion by Eric N, seconded by Patti.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Van De Bogart
for Loretta Miller, Recording Secretary