

Wendy

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association  
Minutes May 21, 2024

**Meeting:** President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order in the Town Hall at 7:03PM. **Board Members Present:** Patti Scott, Loretta Miller, Rafael Diaz, Susan VanDeBogart, and Erik Hazelton **Board Members Absent:** Eric Norberg, Fred Pizzuto and Ray Costantino

**Guest/Members:** Angela Leroux and Alex Williams

**Nation Parks:** Julia from NP discussed **What is the Purpose** ; To promote preservation, public appreciation and public awareness to develop and undertake the operation of the Rail Trail and to encourage public historical awareness **What is our Vision:** co-create with Town leadership, and to support residents of all abilities and to connect to other trails. **E-Bike Safety:** Peter said there are three areas and it would have to be approved by the Town. "Trail Maintenance to read what trees need to be trimmed for safety and Erik would like to be involved" Chrissy made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected seconded by Marie. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan made a motion to approve the report seconded by Chrissy. Available Funds less committed/reserved funds is \$26,359.25

**Correspondence:** Marie read the thank you note from the Bellizzi family for the Boards donation to hospice on the death of Peter's mother.

**New York State Parks:** Peter reported that Eric Hoppy ranger from the WWOH is having a Bike show and bicycle safety on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**HVRT Bike Safety Stop:** Peter is checking with chief Janso.

**Membership:** Chrissy reported there are 66 members. She is having difficulty with the export list and unable to set up renewals and a member list. Chrissy would like to check with the previous person who helped her with the website. Loretta made a motion seconded by Erik to give Chrissy permission to hire someone to assist her with the website. Motion passed.

**Trail Maintenance:** Peter reported that from the Tilson/Toc Drive project he was given 7 blue spruce and they will be planted by the Pavilion. **Four Christmas Trees:** Peter suggested they be planted at the Highland Station near Linwood Avenue.

**Ford Bridge:** Peter said that the steel work is completed and members of the Rosinski family power washed the deck.

**75 Haviland Road:** Peter and Eric Hoppy of WHOH cleaned the parking lot and added more parking spaces.

**Trail Signage:** No progress. Peter, Eric and Erik are to put up the new signs on the Rail Trail.

**Historic signage Grant:** No report from Eric.

**Trail Safety Cards:** Loretta brought them to the meeting. Erik did a great job on the design.

**Art Along the Trail:** Peter reported that Susan T. got the grant extended to July.

**Paid Parking:** Peter reported it is now active. Supervisor Dave Plavchek has the T2(software) and ATI contracts to sign.

**Mayfest May.25.26.27:** Loretta asked for Board members to volunteer at Mayfest at the HVRT booth. She will need 18 volunteers. It was decided to give a free shirt for every membership. Chrissy will make the new sign for shirts and print membership forms.

**Events on the Trail :** Check the agenda.

**Berm:** Loretta reported that Pattie donated the sunflower seeds and had them planted on the entire berm. The Board approved to have the area of the berm where there are no gardens to be mowed high.

**Annual Meeting June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Pavilion:** Pattie asked Board Members to sign up for different food items for the Complimentary Breakfast. There will be election of members to the Board.

**Adjourned:** Chrissy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Marie at 8:30PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller  
Recording Secretary