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Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes July 16, 2024

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:04PM in the Town Hall. There was **Not** a quorum present. **Board members present:** Chrissy Wolcott, Loretta Miller, Rafael Diaz and Fred Pizzuto **Board members absent:** Marie Sidgwick, Eric Norberg, Patti Scott, Susan VanDeBogart, Erik Hazelton and Ray Costantino **Member Present:** John Rossett

National Parks Service: Julia from NPS and the Board did strategic planning SWOT. **Strength**-local support, natural beauty, outside interest etc. **Weakness**—motor vehicles, law, lack of enforcement, E-bikes, homeless etc. **Opportunities**—grants, high school inter-act group, Highland Rotary etc. **Threats:** gateway for criminals, crime , vandalism, trespassing

Minutes: No quorum could not approve May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: No quorum could not approve May and June's report. The Available funds less the committed /reserved funds for May are \$28,439.02 and June is \$26,749.97.

NYS Parks: Peter reported he and Parks replaced the railing at the Trestle.

Membership: Chrissy reported there are 101 members. She will reach out to members who would like to help with maintenance.

Ford Bridge: The Rosinski boys did volunteer cleanup on the bridge and it needs 16 boards (6x6).

Historical signage grant: Eric did submit the paperwork.

Website: Chrissy reported April Van Tassel will help with the website for approximately \$150. She volunteered her help previously.

Art Along the Trail: Peter reported must submit the final report on website or facebook.

Paid Parking: Peter reported from June first to July 16th they collected \$5,000.

Caboose on Haviland Road: Rafael said that it will be opened Saturday and Sunday from 11AM to 4 PM.

Bench: Chrissy inquired about the price for purchasing an existing bench. Peter said it would cost \$2800 for the bench plus the cost of the plaque.

New Business:

Sweatshirts: Loretta presented information on purchasing sweatshirts with HVRT logo. It was decided to wait until there is a quorum before purchasing.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Miller
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Recording Secretary