

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association  
Minutes August 20, 2024

**Meeting :** The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi in the Town Hall at 7PM. **Board Members Present:** Patti Scott, Loretta Miller, Fred Pizzuto, Eric Norberg, Chrissy Wolcott, Rafael Diaz and Marie Sidgwick **Board Members Absent:** Erik Hazelton, Ray Costantino and Susan VanDeBogart **Town Board Member:** Lenny Auchmoody

**Minutes:** The May minutes were approved with the correction that Chrissy Wolcott was present. Motion made by Eric seconded by Patti. There was no quorum in July.

**Treasurer's Report:** The **May** report was approved with a motion made by Fred and seconded by Eric. Fred made a motion to approve the **July** report seconded by Eric and the motion passed. Available Funds less Committed/Reserved funds is \$33,173.37.

**Correspondence:** Marie reported she sent a thank you note to Roberta Staples and Kevin Condon for their monetary donation.

**NYS Parks:** Nothing new

**Membership:** Chrissy reported we have 202 members.

**Trail Maintenance:** Peter reported the trail was mowed.

**Paid Parking:** Peter reported that approximately \$12,000 has been collected since June. Eric will send an email to Supervisor Dave Plavchek requesting that Baker Brothers be hired to maintain the Commercial Avenue Extension such as shrub etc. and **101 New Paltz Road** the shrubbery on the side of the Pavilion. **Twelve** passes have been given to Parks and the **vendors** received passes.

**Ford Bridge:** Peter reported the decking will need 16 planks 6' by 6'. He will check who owns the property near the bridge for access to the bridge.

**75 Haviland Road:** Peter reported that the area along the tree line on Central Hudson property is paved. The Town's area of the parking lot will be paved for paid parking.

**Judges Bench:** Peter is building a hemlock bench 18' by 12" in memory of the Honorable Cecelia G. Morris for \$3500. She was the US **Bankruptcy** Judge for the Southern District of NY for 35 years.

**Trail Signage:** Peter will give Eric and Erik the wrench needed to put up the new signs on the Trail. Eric requested **signage** for the end of **Linwood Ave.** The Board recommended he bring the necessary information and cost to the next board meeting. Chrissy suggested we place 5 signs on the Rail Trail so people can become **members**. She will email the information for the Board to vote on the project.

**Brochure:** The brochure needs to be undated to include the Woods Walk. Eric asked that other corrections be submitted to him ASAP.

**Historical Signage Grant:** Eric will check status of the grant.

**Website:** Chrissy reported that April would like \$150 to update the website as needed. The Board approved the amount.

**Veterans Walk on the Walkway:** Peter reported it is at night on September 20<sup>th</sup> and he is taking care of the parking situation with Walkway.

**New Business: New Paltz Road Underpass:** Pattie suggested we engage an artist to paint possibly a steam engine on one side. She asked Board members to present any suggestions.

**Sweatshirts with RT logo:** Pattie and Loretta presented pictures of sweatshirts with the Rail Trail logo and the green sweatshirt. Prices were presented for both the hooded sweatshirt and non-hooded. Board approved purchasing 80 sweatshirts more hooded.  
**Adjourned:** Fred made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chrissy at 8:15PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary