

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes December 17, 2023 2024

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:04PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Present:** Chrissy Wolcott, Eric Norberg, Marie Sidgwick, Loretta Miller, Rafael Diaz, Erik Hazelton and Patti Scott **Board Members Absent:** Ray Constantino and Fred Pizzuto **Member/ Guest:** John Rosett **Guests** from the Citizen Action Class at Highland High School: Lauren Santiago, Hope Williams and Rachel Branda

Minutes: The **October** minutes were approved as corrected to read Erik with a K Hazelton. The motion was made by Marie seconded by Chrissy. There was no quorum in **November**.

Treasurer's Report: Eric made a motion seconded by Loretta to approve the **October** report. Motion Passed . The **November** report was approved with a motion made by Erik and seconded by Eric. The Available Funds Less the Committed/ Reserved is \$39,000.32.

Correspondence: Marie will send a thank you note to Phil DiLorenzo ,INC. and Richie Klotz Superintendent of Highways for removing the leaves from the Rail Trail. Loretta read Susan VanDe Bogart's letter of resignation. Loretta made a motion to accept the resignation with regret, Chrissy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Marie will send a letter to Susan thanking her for her past service.

NYS Parks: Chrissy reported she corrected the HVRTA email with Parks and the Ulster Trails Committee.

Membership: Chrissy reported there are 113 members.

Trail Maintenance: John said that he picked up a lot of trash along the Route 299 section of the Rail Trail.

Trail Signage: Peter reported he and Eric and Erik will put up the signs in the Spring.

Ford Bridge: Peter said that Richie Rozza will pour cement in the Spring and Charlie Long will help develop the path .

Caboose 75 Haviland Road: Lenny Casabura will create 2 gates in place of the rope on the side of the caboose.

Historic Signage Grant: Eric sent the revised bill to NYS.

Website: Chrissy reported we ~~have access to transfer email account.~~ Photos can now be sent to HVRT Facebook page.

Winterfest: Marie has 3 yes returns from restaurants. She is confident more will reply. Lillian Mertes will be helping with the chili. Peter says Rotary will be serving the chili. Peter said that future contacts about Winterfest will be via emails.

New Paltz Road Under Pass: Pattie reported she will get a price from Cloe the artist. Patti said that the underpass needs to be painted white early spring so the artist can begin in the spring. She requested the Board select the drafts of paintings at the next meeting.

Strategic Planning: Chrissy said that the group met. She will send out the documents for the Board to review and discuss at a meeting.

Eagle Scout Project: Zoe Chaudhary Bike Repair Project is complete. There are bike repair stations at New Paltz Road, Tony Williams Park and Commercial.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 with a motion made by Eric and seconded by Loretta. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted.

Loretta Miller, Recording Secretary