



HUDSON VALLEY RAIL TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Minutes January 21, 2025

MEETING: President Peter Billizzi called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Town Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pattie Scott, Chrissy Wolcott, Fred Pizzuto, Erik Hazelton, Rafael Diaz,

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Constantino, Marie Sidgwick, Loretta Miller, Eric Norberg

MEMBER/GUEST Guests: Kate McMamee, Sam Nguyen commented on their views on the art project that is displayed on the rail trail located west of the New Paltz Road underpass.

MINUTES: The December minutes were not approved pending corrections. The date of minutes should be December 17, 2024. Ford Bridge: Richie Rozza and Charlie Long have not committed yet. Website: Chrissy reported that the email issue on the website is still an issue and not resolved yet.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Fred, seconded by Peter to approve the December report. Motion passed. The available funds for January, less the committed/reserve is \$38,452.00

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence to report.

MEMBERSHIP: Chrissy reported there are 117 members.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: We have two new volunteers, Emily Charis and Ed Sims that are interested to committing to trail maintenance. Chrissy stated that she will contact these two individuals with different ideas for maintaining our trail. (litter pick up, branch pick up, etc)

TRAIL SIGNAGE: Peter reported that he, Eric and Erik will put up the signs in the Spring.

FORD BRIDGE: Peter reported that both Richie Rozza and Charlie Long have not committed yet. It is the intention that the cement will be poured in the Spring. Replacement of 16 boards and 6x6 boards on the edge will be completed in the Spring/Summer.

CABOOSE 75 HAVILAND ROAD: Peter will be painting the interior of the caboose. Exterior painting will be completed when weather permits.

HISTORIC SIGNAGE GRANT: Peter reported that he will check with Eric and that we have a \$10,000.00 refund to be issued to us.

WEBSITE: Chrissy reported that everything except emails is working. She will work with Eric to resolve the issue.

WINTERFEST: Peter reported that there are 10 participating businesses. Peter also reported that the Clintondale Fire Dept is donating all items for smores. Peter reported all the supplies and materials



needed for the event which will be held on Saturday, February 8 from 11am to 2 pm Chili, Hotdogs, coffee, cocoa, snacks, free hay rides, smores, chestnuts and karaoke will be provided. Chrissy reported that she has recruited many volunteers to help out.

NEW PALTZ ROAD UNDERPASS: Pattie Scott reported that Jennifer Keltos is the artist that will be painting the wall mural. There are 5 panels on each wall, 7 ½ ft tall, 20 ft per panel. Pattie presented the final drafts from Jennifer for two panels. Jennifer will paint a scene of Weed's Mill dated 1856. Her second painting will be of the historic train that ran through Highland years ago. (The New York New Haven & Harford railroad cars.) We will commission Jennifer for \$5000 plus paint and materials.

Motion was made by Peter to hire Jennifer Keltos to paint two murals at the New Paltz Rd Underpass. Seconded by Erik. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 with a motion made by Fred. Seconded by Peter. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Pattie Scott

Substituting for Loretta Miller, recording secretary