

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes February 17, 2026



Meeting: President Eric Norberg called the meeting to order at 7:04PM in the Town Hall.

Board Members Present: Loretta Miller, Marie Sidgwick, Susan V.

And remotely: Ray Costantino, Erik Hazelton, Eric Norberg, Pattie Scott

Board Members Absent: Rafael Diaz

Member/Guest: Colleen Flynn, (Ulster newspaper), Ed Miller, Mike Petty.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion by Chrissy and seconded by Loretta, with the correction of the spelling of Marie Sidgwick's name and the addition of Corresponding Secretary Report: No Report.

Treasures Report: Budget Report was approved on a motion by Pattie, seconded by Susan. Available Funds less Committed and Reserved: \$38,745.18, Of note: \$19,425.00 Matching Greenway Ford Bridge Grant was added to committed funds; Funds previously allocated for landscaping of berm at Haviland Road parking area were removed due to consideration given balance/reserves following our matching the Ford Bridge grant funds. Eric N said he felt this move was prudent. Pattie asked why we are not receiving monies from Paid Parking as was per plan. Eric plans to discuss this with Town officials next month. Pattie request Peter Bellizzi be present for this discussion as well.

Correspondence: No correspondence received or sent. Request made by Susan to send Rafael a get-well card from the board.

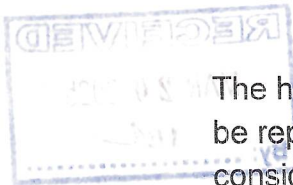
New York State Parks: Eric indicated that the latest meeting, attended by Jill Indelicato, Mike Petty, HVRTA & NYS Parks representatives He indicated communicating well, are engaged, on the right path. He said they discussed parking, and signage at Haviland Road. Chrissy is liaison to Parks, with Eric N as backup. He stated that Jill I has made some updates to the parking kiosk signage for improved clarity.

Membership: Chrissy reported there are 137 members.

Trail Maintenance:

- Pavilion maintenance items:

- **Broken Pavilion Heaters:** Broken utility room heater has been replaced.



The heater in the main room needs replacement. Ray suggests the heaters be replaced with an alternate style that is less likely to break, and that we consider installing the heaters in the ceilings.

- **Broken Hot Water Heater:** The broken hot water heater has been replaced.

Pattie stated that we need storage space adequate to handle the outdoor heating units. stated that a storage shed may be needed and indicated cost approximately \$6,000. Eric N indicated the trailer storage unit roof is leaking, making it unusable. Ray C stated it may be able to be patched or otherwise repaired.

Susan stated the cabinets in the pavilion need repair. Chrissy said that the Carpenter's union may be able to provide that service.

Bathrooms and doors need repair, painting. Mike suggested BOCES may be able to help with that.

Eric asked if Security Cameras and WIFI are active.

Patti stated we need to replace a broken coffee maker.

Kiosks are in need of repair/refurbishment: Ray states the kiosks were supplied by Ulster County Tourism who may repair them Loretta requests an additional kiosk to be placed at the parking area near Fire Station 2.

Susan requests we clear snow to create a safe path from the Haviland Parking Lot to the trail.

Eric also asks shoveling be done at the Paid Parking Kiosk, Pavilion Sidewalks.

Ongoing Projects:

Haviland Caboose - Interior work being done now.

New Paltz Road Caboose -- Outside work to begin in the Spring

Ford Bridge -- No new update. Grant Funds applicable to the Ford Bridge ab=nd access trail only.

New Paltz Road Kiosk -- work to resume in Spring. See earlier note.

Memorial Bench to be done in Spring

Murals -Continuing in the Spring.

Signage Committee: No update.

Pattie asks about possibility of signage to prevent business or overnight parking. Eric states Chief of Police asked if overnight or commercial parking is technically prohibited, This is to be determined.

Erik H indicated signage directing people from the Rail Trail to Town is lacking.

Discussion about an easement through the Apartment/Condo complex along the tyrail

was discussed. Erik, Chrissy, Ray and Sean will discuss signage directing trail users to town.

Winterfest February 7, 2026 Review:

Chrissy indicated selling "taste" tickets only seems effective. Final financial report is not yet available, but, she received \$704 in cash, \$250 in check, Sold 4 hoodies, and 2 memberships.

Pattie indicated she will be delivering volunteer participation certificates to the students and scouts.

Pattie also stated we need to coordinate the date for Winterfest with the Rotary Club to ensure greater participation from the club than this year.

The DJ was well-received.

Susan asked that along with announcing the Chili Contest Winners/Pot Number, we also provide all participants by Pot number and encourage supporting all the participating businesses.

Marie stated she delivered the Winners prizes with the exception of P & G's to date.

Events:

Eric stated applications are being received. He the application has been updated and matches NYS Parks'. The fee is \$1/participant. He indicated that ALS and Project Purple want to "Cross Pollinate" advertising the events.

Where can we publish these events?

Susan asked for a listing on the agenda as was previously done.

Clover Classic is March 14th on the Rail Trail.

New Business:

2026 Event Forms: See Events notation.

Storage Discussion and Requests: See Trail Maintenance notations.

Ray stated the monies from the Haviland Paid Parking was designed to be directed toward HVRT improvements. Ray lists some of the needs of the Rail Trail: Paving, Landscaping, Tourism Kiosks, Solar Lighting/Power to illuminate the Murals, Bathroom Doors; Parking Lot at Fire Station 2 area. He indicated he will send a list to the rest of the board to make further additions.

Loretta asked if we will invite Stuart, our new Town Supervisor to attend a future meeting. She also asked if Mike Petty has seen the Town Resolution regarding Paid

Parking at Haviland. He stated he is "digging into things now" and wants the Paid Parking funds to go towards the paving the Parking Lot.

Meeting Adjourned on motion by Loretta, seconded by Chrissy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Van De Bogart for

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary