

Wendy

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association

Minutes April 14, 2026

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Eric Norberg at 7 PM in the Town Hall **Board Members Present:** Susan VanDeBogart, Loretta Miller, Debbie Walsh, Chrissy Wolcott, Marie Sidgwick and on zoom Erik Hazelton **Board Members Absent:** Pattie Scott, Ray Costantino and Rafael Diaz **Town Board Member:** Mike Petty

Minutes: The minutes were approved with the correction; pertaining to the berm project Chrissy had not added the funds to the report yet. Loretta made the motion and Chrissy seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved with a motion made by Erik and seconded by Susan.

Correspondence: Marie will send a thank you to Hannaford for their donations of beverages for the May 2nd event on the Rail Trail.

NYS Parks: Chrissy attended a meeting about safety in the Parks.

Haviland Road Paid Parking: Mike said that there has been improvement in the software. Fifty percent of the monies will be used for capital improvement of the Rail Trail and the other fifty percent will be used for plowing, mowing etc. He said Supervisor Weiss has been meeting with Peter Bellizzi concerning the paving of the parking lot at 75 Haviland Road. Mike reported there is a problem with the EV Chargers and Supervisor Weiss will meet with the company.

Membership: Chrissy reported there are 138 members. She will send renewals to those who write checks or cash.

Trail Maintenance: Wood Walk: Eric showed pictures where he and Debbie cleared the walking path. Eric Purchased 16 new **metal chairs** and a **refrigerator** from Lowes for \$360 . He bought four **new tires** for the golf cart and will have it serviced. **The stencils** are ready to be painted at the crossing such as Stop and Caution. The paint has been purchased. **Gap on** guardrail at Vineyard Bridge has been fixed. Town Board member Tiffany sent Eric a picture of the gap.

Eric had to take a business call at 7:30pm so Chrissy took over the meeting.

Greenway Grant: Chrissy reported it is a 50/50 grant. Will see about pursuing it.

Signage Grant: Chrissy met with John from the Merje Company about future signage for approximately \$20,000. Lori Robertson from Walkway is also pursuing signage from the Merje Company.

Chrissy had no report on the **Caboose, Ford Bridge or NP Kiosk.**

Murals: Chrissy gave Patti a check for half of the amount for the artist

Rail Trail Event are listed on the agenda.

Tales and Trails May 2nd Sue reported she needs volunteers. There will be two-dollar admission children 8 and under are free. Free drinks and snacks will be available. Presentations will be made by high school students and there will be a professional storyteller.

New Town Website: Mike reported the new website is temporary, still upgrading it.

June 6th National Trails Day and Annual Meeting. There will be a complimentary breakfast.

Emma Levine Bench: Chrissy reported her father contacted her about placement of the bench. She will contact Rich Roza about putting in the cement base.

Highland Landing Park: Chrissy said that James Passikoff will help us in the future with transfer of money. Eric will send the Board a copy of the documents from The Landing Park.

Signage: Eric said that the Highway Department will be changing the signs on the Rail Trail.

Adjourned: Loretta made a motion seconded by Chrissy to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Motion passed.

Respectally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta Miller".

Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary