

Wendy

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association
Minutes July 18, 2023

Meeting: President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order at 7:05 in the Town Hall.

Board Members Present: Chrissy Wolcott, Loretta Miller, Erik Hazelton, Ralph Diaz and Susan VanDe Bogart **Board Members Absent:** Marie Sidgwick, Patti Scott, Eric Norberg, and Fred Pizzuto **Town Board Member:** Lenny Auchmoody **Guest:** Natalia Sanchez Hernandez: National Parks Service, RTCA grant

Natalia:NPS-RTACA She said this grant is for outdoor recreation and she advises in technical strategic planning. She helps the Board to set goals and objectives and to put these ideas into action. Some area the Board would like to address is the website, improve non motorized access to the Trail and support community projects.

It was decided to have one extra meeting a month to address the HVRT goals. Chrissy will call the meeting which will be linked to our email.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by a motion made by Chrissy and seconded by Susan.

Treasurer's Report: Peter reported he closed Star Chapter at the bank and it cost \$35. Chrissy went over the May report. Loretta made a motion seconded by Erik to accept the May report. Motion passed. The June report was approved by a motion made by Susan and seconded by Loretta.

Correspondence: Peter reported that Hannaford gave the HVRTA \$44 from the plant sale. Marie will write a thank you.

NYS Parks: Eric the Park Ranger and Richie Klotz, Town Highway Supervisor, designated a bus drop off area in front of Walkways handicap area. Parks is planting flowers in the area near the Rail Trail entrance.

Membership: Chrissy will send out renewals to the membership list. The old list was not transferred to the Website. She would appreciate an old list if anyone had one.

Trail Maintenance: Richie Klotz, Highway Supervisor, fixed the sink hole at 75 Haviland Road.

Cabooses: **Peter** reported that the \$10,000 for each caboose was not in the Treasurer's report but the money was allocated at a previous meeting.

Trail Signage: Erik reported they only put up a few bike signs and needed a different tool. Peter has the signs. The post for a few signs must get approval because of the fiber optic cable.

Brochure: Eric was going to get it printed but the Board has not seen the final copy.

Paid Parking : Sean Murphy, Town Attorney wrote the law that is needed. Wendy is checking the financial through Up Safety.

Website: No Report

Parking Lot B: The fill is from the Villages who will grade and complete the parking lot level with the road and there will be an area for picnic tables etc.

Walkway Grant: Andy Lerrn Town engineer, is drawing the map.

Parking Lot: B: Peter reported Town will black top the area.

County Trails: Peter reported the County approved UL bikes. Ulster County Sheriff is using police on bikes on the Trail.

Art Along the Trail: Susan has completed 2 more and received a \$5,000 grant for a community project.

Berm: Will be discussed in August. Erik says it looks good don't mow it now.

New Business: Erik said that on the Climate Act Website Highland was at a disadvantage in terms of climate change. **Caboose:** Rafael reported he will open the caboose at 75 Haviland Saturday and Sunday from 11Am to 4 pm. **Water Fountain:** Susan reported the water fountain at the pavilion is broken. Peter will check.

Cones: Peter purchased 50 safety cones with the HVRT on the cones.

Adjourned: Susan made a motion seconded by Erik to adjourn at 9:05PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Miller
Recording Secretary