

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association  
Minutes August 15, 2023

**Meeting:** President Peter Bellizzi called the meeting to order in the Town Hall at 7:00PM. **Board Members Present:** Chrissy Wolcott, Loretta Miller, Patti Scott, Erik Hazelton, Rafael Diaz, Fred Pizzuto and Marie Sidgwick(late) **Board Members Absent:** Eric Norberg **Guest:** Supervisor Dave Plavchek, Police Chief James Janso, Highland Rotary Club Member Richie Roza and Town Board Member Lenny Auchmoody **Supervisor** Dave Plavchek expressed the Town's interest in safety on the Rail Trail and Personal Liability Insurance. All vehicles must be approved by the President of the HVRTA to drive on the Rail Trail.

**Chief Janso** said that you can't enforce speeding on the Rail Trail. There will be officers on Bike patrol during the week and ATV patrol on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He is willing to do a safety booth with the HVRTA in the fall.

**Highland Rotary Member Richie Roza** said the Rotary would like to install a Peace Pole in the Rotary Centennial Garden and a plaque in memory of Donna Deepröse. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Chrissy and seconded by Erik to install a Peace Pole and plaque in memory of Donna Deepröse in the Rotary Centennial Garden. Motion Passed. Rafael recuses himself. Richie presented a proposal to clean the **Pavilion** at a cost of \$12,000. The Rotary raised \$800 for this project. HVRTA will take the proposal under advisement.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved with a motion made by Chrissy and seconded by Fred.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chrissy reported star chapter is stopped and a two-year membership to wix. Report was not accepted as Chrissy updated the committed funds. She is checking what \$70.20 check is for. Rafael collected \$140 in donations in three weekends at the caboose.

**Correspondence:** Peter asked Marie to send a thank you to Ethan Jackman for the Railroad Crossing Signal Tower to be used at 75 Haviland Road.

**Membership:** Chrissy reported there are 33 members. Fred made a motion seconded by Chrissy that the membership form indicate Individual \$20, family \$60, patron \$100, and benefactor \$500. Motion passed.

**Special Activity:** Peter reported that Marie Petterson will have a Diabetes race from the **Pavilion to Tony Williams field on September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**Walkway Grant 75 Haviland Road:** Fred will be on the Amenities Committee with Peter.

**Trail Signage:** Erik will meet with Peter. Peter reported a need for signage in compliance with the Town signs. Erik and Peter will do the design.

**Brochure:** The membership needs to be corrected. Peter will send a copy to the Board.

**Paid Parking:** No change

**Website:** No change.

**Art Along the Trail:** Peter received a \$5,000 check. Susan will be doing community projects at the Pavilion beginning August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.

**Berm:** Loretta reported possibly seeding this fall and spring but no mow until late fall.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Susan to appoint Ray Costantino to the HVRT Board. Motion Passed. Ray is interested in pursuing the development of the Farmers Bridge.

**Adjourned:** Erik made a motion seconded by Marie to adjourn at 8:47PM. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loretta Miller".

Loretta Miller  
Recording Secretary