

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association Minutes September 19, 2023

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Bellizzi at 7:15PM in the Town Hall. **Board Members Present:** Patti Scott, Loretta Miller, Chrissy Wolcott, Fred Pizzuto, Rafael Diaz and Marie Sidgwick(Late) **Board Members Absent:** Eric Norberg, Erik Hazelton and Ray Costantino

Discussion: (Board Mission): Chrissy said that Natalia from NPS-RTACA requested the HVRTA mission. HVRTA is a non for profit dedicated to creating, maintaining, promoting and improving the HVRT. Promote public awareness, history and activities. Make the public aware of the value of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail.

Minutes: The Minutes were approved by a motion made by Chrissy seconded by Patti.

Treasurer's Report: There was a question about the amount in the report concerning the Historical Signage Grant. Chrissy will check with Eric. The available funds less committed and reserved funds is \$25,576.64. Loretta made a motion seconded by Fred to approve the report. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: Marie reported she sent acknowledgements to Hannafords and Ethan Jackman.

Membership: Chrissy reported there are 39 members. She is sending out requests to the old membership list.

Walktoberfest October 22 and 23: The HVRT will have a booth. Loretta will get volunteers for the Rail Trail booth. Chrissy will bring the tee shirts, hats etc. to the booth Saturday morning.

Cabooses: Peter will chair a committee of Rafael and Chrissy to assess the needs of the cabooses and report back to the Board.

Pavilion: Peter purchased some of the hardware needed to repair the pavilion. The Rotary will be working at the Pavilion Saturday. Chrissy made a motion seconded by Rafael to approve matching funds with the Rotary of \$6,000 for improvement of the Pavilion. Motion passed.

Grant: Chrissy said that the grant America Walks is for non-profit organizations'

75 Haviland Road: No progress on the grant, waiting for Walkway as the drawings are complete. **Parking lot B** has a large piling of millings. Richie Klotz ,Highway Superintendent will spread the millings. **Parking Lot C** will have manholes delivered this week.

Brochures: Peter will see Eric.

Paid Parking: Wendy, Town Clerk corrected the bank statement. Waiting for the law from Town Attorney Sean Murphy.

Website: Chrissy will improve the bio page and the e-mail.

Art Along the Trail: On October 14th Susan will need help sealing the existing projects and any new ones at the Pavilion. The community projects will be hung in the vicinity of Loretta's bench.

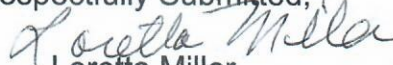
Art Mid- Hudson Grant: The grant was used to fund the Art along the Trail. The HVRTA paid for the Lexan panels to be used on the Farmers Bridge.

Berm on 299: Peter will ask the highway department to cut down the entire Berm and Peter will remove the tarp. Pattie will spread sunflower seeds on top and Loretta will ask David to spread seeds on the sides.

New Business: Farmers Bridge: The surveyors will be there on Monday September 25th at a fee not to exceed \$4500.

Adjourned: Chrissy made a motion seconded by Fred to adjourn the meeting at 8:33PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Loretta Miller

Recording Secretary