

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 11-10-25
Meeting Minutes November 10, 2025

Monthly Meeting November 10, 2025

Call to Order

The November Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was held via Zoom as we could not access our usual space in the Kinderhook Library as we needed a separate key.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on October 13, 2025 by Treasurer Deb Shakotko after Kevin Gilrain kindly set up the Zoom.

Present via Zoom:

Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Bob Hess, Michael Susi, Jessie Anderson, Kevin Gilrain, Ron Rich, Nolan Robinson

Absent: Bill Schneider,

Public: Scott Cairns

Review October 13, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Kevin moved and Bob seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb gave treasurer's report through October 31, 2025

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$ 28,704.20

Revenue: \$5,268.60

Expenses: \$993.82

Closing Balance: \$32,888.38

Total with CD, Reserves: \$ 64,100.58

Expenditures include gas, equipment maintenance, insurance and truck loan

Deb discussed transfer of some funds to CD. She would have to create a new CD if she were to add more money before the current CD coming due in the Spring. She prefers to wait and then would likely add \$10,000.

Kevin moved to approve the report and Bob seconded: Passed.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Kevin has returned and reports he anticipates one more mowing. Trees in Loomwork Rd area need to come down. Truck registration was renewed.

The tractor is at Chatham Ag and Turf for repairs that are estimated to run \$700. Ron plans to sharpen blades.

There was a question about snowplowing now that the trail is paved. That would be a decision for the Greenway.

Kevin is planning a Volunteer Appreciation Event at his house 3 Church St., Kinderhook for Saturday 12-13-25 @ 3pm.

Membership Report

Bob Hess reports no new members

Renewal reminders to go out with Newsletter planned in January. Ron sent thank you cards to sponsors and will write a year in review for the newsletter.

Communication: Jessie reports pdf of brochure sent. Recommendations were to add Nassau Lake Trail and Bike Repair Kiosk.

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Events:

Octoberfest held 10-18-25 3-6pm at Samascott's Farm Market with Rotary

275 tickets sold bringing in \$6050. Proceeds to be split with Rotary once expenses paid.

Cost of meal was \$5.00. A big thanks to Samascotts for donating the desserts!

Public Comments: none

Adjournment:

The Zoom cut off around 7:15pm. Kevin said he was sending a new link but I did not find it and so the minutes end here.

Next Meeting

December 8, 2025 @ 6pm

We are now meeting on the second Monday of each month. We will meet Monday November 10th, 2025 in the Reading Porch of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison