

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 4-13-26
Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026

Monthly Meeting April 13, 2026

Call to Order

The April Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was held in the Kinderhook Library. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Bob Hess.

Present: Bob Hess, Bill Schneider, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Kevin Gilrain, Michael Susi, Scott Cairns,

Present via Zoom: Ron Rich,

Absent: David Pettie,

Public: none

Review March 9, 2016 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bill moved and Kevin seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb provided treasurer's reports ending March 13, 2026

March 2026

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$ 27,328.32

Revenue: \$2,566.92

Expenses: \$3,974.81

Closing Balance: \$25,813.51

Total with CD, Reserves: \$ 67,554.68

Jessie moved to approve, Bill seconded; approved

Membership Report

Update printed

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Kevin reported that he, Bob and Bill cut vines north of Valatie. They have sharpened chainsaws and acquired 2 new chains. Ron is dealing with batteries and chargers.

Mowing will start next week on May 4th.

Kevin is contacting his roster of regular volunteers. Jayne Zinke will be stepping down due to health issues.

Sidewalk by William's Farm on Rt9 needs to be brushed of winter sand accumulation. Bill will speak to Stuyvesant Highway Supervisor Joe Scrum to get brushing done.

Dog Waste Stations: two more to be installed when ground is ready: Stottville and Electric Park Rd.

Cody and Andy Beers of Greenway did their End-to-End Trail Review and find conditions to be good, railings have no winter damage, DOT to make repairs of crossing signs.

Ron reports that Kinderhook Scouts are offering to clean trails on Sunday 4-26-26. Meet at Stottville Trailhead at 10am and work south to Greenport. Kevin will arrange for a pizza/soda thank you lunch at Klaverack Brewery

Communication: Jessie distributed Trail Map Brochure! Great!

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Events:

CFET 5th Anniversary was December 20, 2025. Commemoration tba. Bob Hess will contact the Rotary about a Spring date for Rothermel Park as venue.

April 22, 2026 Meeting with Sheriff's Bike Patrol regarding a possible event on bike safety.

April 23, 2026 at 11am NYSDEC, Greenway and dignitaries will have an information presentation at Rothermel Park on Trail accomplishments and benefits to our community.

6-27-26 Volunteer Fair at the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church McNary Center- 10am to 2pm.. We are invited to table. Lee and Jessie volunteered

Trail Enhancement Projects: No news on these issues: Everyone likes the idea of picnic tables. Ron had presented items. Mike would like to look at other design options. We discussed placement of two tables. One at Niverville Trailhead and one possibly at New Street-Rossman Rd section. Deliberations continue.

Jessie reports that there was conversation on 3-23-26 Kinderhook Comprehensive Plan about interest in a connector trail between the Electric Trail and Volunteer Park. A history of land owner issues for rights of way would need to be resolved.

Public Comments: none

Adjournment Lee moved, Jessie Seconded Meeting adjourned 7:08pm

Next Meeting

May 11, 2026 @ 6pm

We are now meeting on the second Monday of each month. We will meet Monday May 11, 2026 in the Reading Porch of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison