

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 4-7-25
Meeting Minutes April 7, 2025

Monthly Meeting April 7, 2025

Call to Order

The March Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:03 pm on April 7, 2025 by President Ron Rich in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present:

Ron Rich, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Bill Schneider, Bob Hess, Kevin Gilrain,

Zoom: Michael Susi (and Bernie),

Absent: Nolan Robinson

Public: Jim DiGioia

Review March 3, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Deb moved and Bill seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb gave treasurer's report through **March 31, 2025**

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$24,352.05

Revenue: \$6986.80

Expenses: \$2788.49

Closing Balance: \$ 28,538.56

Total with CD, Reserves: \$ 59,303.65

Deb reported that the Annual Audit was done today with thanks to Ann Birkmayer and Greg Johnson. State and Federal filings were submitted.

CFP submitted to Greenway \$3756 for final payment from Greenway Grant 2024. Includes maintenance reports, financial and summary of volunteer hours for match.

Ron sent narrative to Greenway for 2025 Grant.

\$1000 received from Town of Stuyvesant.

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

Membership Report

Nolan was absent so membership report to follow later.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Kevin reported training planned for 4-12 at Niverville. One new volunteer but the rest just need updates and recertification. Ron will bring the large mower over from Stuyvesant Falls. In case of bad weather, they can meet inside the garage.

Greenway has cleared fallen trees and broken fence.

Earth Day Clean-up planned for 4-26-25 @ 9-11:30am with Scouts. Meet at Stottville trail head and work south from Stockport to Greenport.

Olde Klaverack offered after party with pizza.

Paving Update: Andy Beers of Greenway informed Ron that Colarusso will commence paving some time in April and finish July 30th. They will be paving segments that had only been stone dust and subject to erosion. Amelia Teasedale of the Valatie Library and Ron discussed if a trail could be paved to their building. This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting with Colarusso and Greenway.

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Dog Waste Station: Installation sites for Mutt Mitts and collection bin selected--North Chatham by the Depot, Niverville Trailhead, Main Street Valatie, Stuyvesant at Sunnyside Rd.

Communication: Kevin reports that Jake did pass him the mailing list. Kevin will do emails to the membership as people give him content.

Farmers Market: Jessie reports we are signed up for Kinderhook Farmer's Market which will start Saturday May 3rd. Mike and Ron will man the tent for this event.

Public Comments: Jim asked some questions about the audit committee composition. He also reaffirmed his commitment to help with volunteering for events like Oktoberfest.

Adjournment: Kevin moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Next Meeting May 5, 2025 @ 6pm

We will meet Monday May 5th, 2025 at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library. Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison