

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 7-14-25**  
**Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025**

**Monthly Meeting July 14, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The July Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:01 pm on July 14, 2025 by President Ron Rich in the Reading Porch of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

**Present:**

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

**Zoom:** Nolan Robinson

**Absent:**

**Public:** Jim DiGioia

**Review June 9, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Bill moved and Deb seconded to approve: Passed

**Treasurer and Budget Status Reports**

Deb gave treasurer's report through June 30, 2025

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$ 28,235.15

Revenue: \$3,848.51

Expenses: \$2,914.69

Closing Balance: \$ 29,336.46

Total with CD, Reserves: \$ 60,181.81

Deb reports final disbursement from Greenway of \$3,756

Expenditures included dog waste "Mutt Mitts" for \$2,000

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

**Membership Report**

Nolan, Deb, Kevin and Ron met with Bob today to discuss and clarify transition of membership duties. There was a \$5,000 donation from El Diablo Restaurant (a fund of Judy Grunberg) to be reflected in July's report.. We currently have 130 paid members.

**Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Kevin distributed the volunteer report for trail maintenance: 65hours

7-8 volunteers show up for work days with 9 on 7-9-25

Mowing is a bit slower due to working around paving project, needing to repair sickle bar repairs.

Orange UV full brim hats have been provided to volunteers.

**Dog Waste Stations:** Supplies were purchased

**Communication:** We discussed the brochure. Pros and cons of trifold vs bifold. Content should include mapping and locations of trailheads, parking, benches, dog waste stations, bike repair station, distances, indication of on and off-road

Dan Dyksen has volunteered to do graphic design

**Scholarships:** Discussion of offering a scholarships to highschool students. 3 School Districts are along our section of the Trail.

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### **Events:**

**Cycle Hudson Valley/NYS Parks and Trails 8-5-25 10am-3pm** CFET will have a table for water, info etc

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

Anne Schaeffer will do graphics, Zeffy and Mailchimp for tickets

**Farmers Market:** No report

**Public Comments:** none

**Adjournment:** Deb moved, Bob seconded; Meeting adjourned 7 pm

### **Next Meeting August 11, 2025 @ 6pm**

We are now meeting on the second Monday of each month

We will meet Monday August 11th, 2025 in the Reading Porch of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Jamison