

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 8-11-25
Meeting Minutes August 11, 2025

Monthly Meeting August 11, 2025

Call to Order

The August Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:01 pm on August 11, 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,

Zoom: Nolan Robinson

Absent: Michael Susi, Jessie Anderson,

Public:

Review July 14, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Deb moved and Bob seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb gave treasurer's report through July 30, 2025

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$ 29,336.46

Revenue: \$5,299.80

Expenses: \$3,116.88

Closing Balance: \$ 31,429.58

Total with CD, Reserves: \$ 62,364.73

Expenditures include gas, equipment, signage for bike tour and insurance

Discussion of transfer of some funds to CD tabled for next month

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

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Kevin reports that paving is completed. He thanked Ron for all his work. Stuyvesant section is mowed. They are doing Atlantic Ave to Loomwork Rd in Stockport and will do Atlantic Ave south to Greenport tomorrow. There has been less growth due to dry weather compared to last year. Kevin is on vacation 8/28-9/20/25.

New paved surfaces and a recent collision raised the concern about speeding bikes and certain intersections where roadways cross the trail such as; Kiel Lane, Little Lake Rd., Bunker Hill Rd.

We discussed selling inexpensive bike bells. Safety concerns to be forwarded to Andy Beers at Greenway. Perhaps the Columbia County Sheriff's bike patrol might be able to make a presence on the Trail.

Membership Report

Nolan and Bob report Membership committee duties are ready for transition to Bob on September 1. There has been \$17,050 in membership dues income. We have 129 members.

Dog Waste Stations:

Discussion of installation schedule. Ron will meet with Bill and Bob next week.

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Communication: Maps for the brochure are being designed. Cost estimated at around \$500. Bill moved that Jessie can spend up to \$600 with Kopp Illustration for printing. Kevin seconded; Approved

Events:

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

Ron is in discussion with Rotary as to pricing.(Last year was \$22). Kevin will set up Zeffy for sales.

Farmers Market: No report; next scheduled for 9-27-25

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Deb moved, Bill seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm

Next Meeting

September 15, 2025 @ 6pm

We are now meeting on the second Monday of each month however since Jessie, Kevin and Deb are away: We will meet Monday September 15th, 2025 in the Reading Porch of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison