

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 9-11-23 Monthly Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:05pm on September 11, 2023 by Ron Rich, Chair, in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Nolan Robinson, Michael Susi,
Bill Schneider, Jake Samascott,

Not Present: David Kolb, Deb Shakotko,

Public: Kevin Gilrain

Review August 7, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Minutes amended to reflect that Jessie is working with the web provider Solasus on upgrades to site functions for membership tracking and Venmo. Thanks, Jessie!

Jessie moved and Jake seconded to approve as amended: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Ron shared Deb's report through August 31, 2023

Opening Balance \$35,625.84

Revenue \$474.00

Expenses \$1420.04

Closing Balance \$34,679.80 Total with Reserves: \$39,679.80

We are expecting the arrival of the Greenway grant funds (\$12,500)

Lee moved to approve and Bill seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Nolan reports 3 new members for a total of 174. Income YTD \$14,250 from membership.

Nolan reported that he now has "back-end access" to membership information from the website thanks to Jessie's efforts with Jen at Solasus

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Jake reported the crew has had a vacation due to rain storms. National Grid removed tree blow-down north of Ichabod Crane Highschool and repair to a pole and downed lines.

Equipment: Purchase of 2 more mowers –Greenway requested specifications. Ron reported the 48" deck mower is no longer made.. Two 52" deck mowers with jacks and front tires were priced at Grassland Toro for \$20,010.46 total. Delivery in 2 weeks.

Ron continued to speak with the Plant Manager at Allied Health about the possibility of having a storage container at Stuyvesant Falls. Nolan will review the proposed lease agreement. Ron located used containers; one for \$8800 locally and one for \$6200 in East Durham.

Bill moved and Lee seconded that Ron purchase a container not to exceed \$6500. Approved.

Events:

Oktoberfest 21, 2023: Date is set. Posters and tickets are available online and from members. Jessie will sell at the Hudson Farmers Market 9-16-23. There are both Vegan and Traditional meals available. Take out.

History Night: Matt Kirstead will lecture 10-22-23 6:30pm Valatie. Register at the website. Anne Shaeffer agreed to do a flyer which Nolan offered to print and they have been distributed.

Stuyvesant BiCentennial Event 9-16-23 Ron will have a table

Bike and Brew: Old Claverack Brewery has proposed a “Craft Brew Night” folks would ride from Greenport to Valatie and back. Ron will see if the Greenway would approve such an event.

Grant Updates

Greenway Grant has been reapproved

Benches: Last bench (9th) to be installed tomorrow 9-12-23

Farmer’s Market

No discussion. Jessie in Hudson 9-16-23

Public Comments:

none

Executive Session: Entered to discuss a personnel matter.

7:10pm Bill moved and Jake seconded move to Executive Session.

7:50pm Bill moved and Jake seconded close of Executive Session

Adjournment: Bill moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm

Next Meeting

We will meet Monday, October 16, 2023 (due to Indigenous Day Holiday and another schedule issue) 6pm. At Kinderhook Memorial Library Community Room. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison