

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 9-9-2024  
Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024**

**Monthly Meeting September 9, 2024**

**Present**

Jake Samascott, Bill Schneider, Lee Jamison, Michael Susi, Jessie Anderson, Nolan Robinson: via Zoom,

Public: Jim DiGioia, Ron Rich

Absent: Deb Shakotko, Kevin Gilrain, David Kolb,

**Call to Order**

The September Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:07 pm on September 9, 2024 by Jake Samascott in the Quiet Reading Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

**Review Monthly Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2024**

Bill moved to approve and Mike seconded; Passed

**Treasurer's Report**

Deb had provided the written treasurer's report through 8-31-24. Jake gave the report.

Opening Balance \$27,137.67

Revenue \$151.46 CD interest and early Oktoberfest sales

Expenses \$902.32 Truck payments, gasoline, equipment repair

Closing Balance: Checking: \$26,279.35

Bill moved to approve and Jessie seconded: Passed.

**Membership Report**

Nolan reported 138 members new and renewed unchanged from last month.

Nolan sent out acknowledgements this month to all

Ron suggested window stickers for new members

**Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Bill and Mike gave a report for the vacationing Kevin. Ron mowed Kevin's sections.

Bob Hess and Bob Sweet have been string trimming. Downed tree in Stockport has been cleared.

Repairs done to mowers and new blades on the large mower.

15 loads of sand were removed from sidewalk section by WilRoc Farm/Rt9.

Some abutting homeowners have been mowing their sections, too.

Tourists in Kinderhook have given compliments about the "nicest" section of the Empire Trail through Columbia County due to efforts of CFET volunteers.

Crew Appreciation Event: Consideration of Dell's as a venue for an end-of-season event. Tabled for next month.

**Farmers Markets**

Jessie reported Hudson Market tent space for CFET on September 7 was slow.

We will table at Kinderhook Farmer's Market 10/5 and 12

It would be good to sell **Oktoberfest (10-19-24)** tickets there and via Zeffy, 500 have been printed Posters and Social Media sites have info.

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Oktoberfest volunteers will report to Samascott's Market at 2:30pm on 10-19-24. Due to conflicts with other events, we may have to recruit more people. Bill and Jessie will reach out to Ichabod Crane Honor Society students. It was also suggested that various workplaces like Verizon encourage employees to volunteer. We also need more trimmers.

### **Grant Updates**

no report

### **Other Business:**

#### **Stuyvesant Falls Storage Container**

Allied Health has given permission to locate an equipment storage container in Stuyvesant Falls on their property next to their container. Ron had obtained a quote verbally from Greene County of \$5,100 for a 40' high cube container to be painted green. They will send a written quote. He will look for two quotes.

Bill moved and Lee seconded that Ron obtain a 40' high cube container not to exceed \$6,000. Approved.

### **Public Comments:**

Jim DiGioia will be attending the Kinderhook Village Rec Committee and will promote Oktoberfest. Jim also offered to volunteer at Oktoberfest.

**Adjournment of Monthly Meeting:** Mike moved, Jesse seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm

### **Next Meeting Monday October 7, 2024 @ 6pm**

at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.  
Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Jamison