

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

12/20/23

6pm

Present: Ezra Schwartzberg, Stephen Langdon, Charlotte Lomino III, Colleen O'Neil, Jimmy Cunningham, Stacey Allott, Rich Shapiro (VSL Board of Trustees), Bachana Tsiklauri (VSL Village Manager), Katrina Glynn (VSL Community Development Director)

Approval of meeting minutes: Motion Charlotte, Second Jimmy

Minutes:

1. Term limits/elections
 - a. Some terms expire this year: Stacey, Ezra, Jimmy, Colleen.
 - i. All members with expiring terms have expressed interest in staying.
 - ii. Unsure if Rebecca plans to stay. Ezra to reach out.
 - iii. Mike Lynch is writing a letter of interest. Ezra to follow up with Mike.
 - b. Elections for board leadership to take place next meeting:
 - i. Ezra planning to step down as Chair, Stephen planning to step down as Co-Chair
 - ii. Charlotte will be running for Chair
2. General Updates
 - a. Rich Shapiro:
 - i. The village received a 900k grant for the construction of Baldwin Park. Village will be putting out an RFP in summer 2024 with completion late 2025.
 1. DOT approval needed for parking
 - b. Colleen/Ezra:
 - i. Ezra & Charlotte presented Colleen's Rail Trail crossings letter to the Village Board. ADK Enterprise praised PTAB efforts for Rail Trail safety
 - ii. Rich noted the desire from village residents regarding PTAB giving recommendations for rail trail crossings on village streets, not just DOT roads.
 - iii. Next step: to have North Elba sign on. Rich to find the necessary avenue for this.
 - c. Steve:
 - i. Thanked PTAB and VSL Board of Trustees for the stop sign on Park & Catherine.
 - d. Charlotte:
 - i. Village (not county) Local Development Corporation wants to work with PTAB according to Jeremy Evans.
3. Capital Improvement Plan for Village Streets
 - a. Members discussed priority projects for safety and accessibility on streets and roads within village limits. Examples include Riverwalk, Brandy Brook Intersection, Dugway Street corridor, etc. Priorities updated in Bike/Ped Priorities spreadsheet in the Parks & Trails Google Drive.
 - b. Charlotte to research right-of-ways and who needs to stop at rail trail crossings, and if that can be changed depending on signage and markings.
 - c. Charlotte to write a summary of the road improvement priorities including:
 - i. Why current infrastructure is underperforming
 - ii. Brainstormed ideas for improvements
 - iii. Will it require engineered plans
 - d. Ezra to review Charlotte's list.
 - e. Charlotte to edit spreadsheet to clean up Rail Trail connections tab.

4. Other discussions

- a. ***Jimmy and Rich*** to get together and discuss placement for new bike racks to accommodate the influx of cyclists from the Rail Trail.
- b. Colleen asked who is responsible for the plowing at Fowler's Crossing Rail Trail parking lots. No one knew the answer and no one volunteered to find the answer. Would someone like to get this information?
- c. Katrina Glynn's comments:
 - i. Stated interest in having a PTAB/DAB/ACAB joint summit. PTAB is in support of this idea.
 - ii. Will provide an LWRP update during the January meeting.
 - iii. Requested help in developing an annual summary for PTAB's work. ***Ezra*** to assist Katrina in this endeavor, preferable before the January meeting.
 - iv. Expressed concern over rail trail signage. We informed Katrina about our conversation with Kendra O. from the NYSDEC. Kendra said that signage can be discussed with the villages for proper wayfinding.
 1. Stakeholders include NYSDEC, VSL, VSL Advisory Boards, North Elba, Harrietstown.
 - v. Expressed concern regarding Lake Placid mountain biking events in late September 2024. Are we ready to handle the influx?
 1. BETA has a map on their website.
 2. PTAB has not discussed these events.
- d. ***Everyone:*** come to next meeting with your priorities for 2024! What projects do you want to take on?