

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY
Meeting of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.
May 19, 2017
Via Telephone
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Secretary
Brown, Kristin Cole
Burke, Kevin, Acting Chairman
Daniels, Jane
McLaughlin, Jayne, Treasurer
Olson, Sarah

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Griffen, Sara
Lanzetta, Cindy
Murray, Dennis
Yarabek, Stefan

Delegates Present

Davis, Bruce, Delegate for Commissioner NYS Office of General Services
Dunwell, Fran, Delegate for Commissioner NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Ethier, Jaime, Delegate for Secretary of State

Staff

Keller, Scott, S., Acting Executive Director
Beers, Andy, Empire State Trails Director
Campochiaro, Beth, Trails and Community Outreach Director
Day, Shannon, Administration and Grants Program Assistant

Welcome and Introductions

Acting Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and called the roll. He welcomed Empire State Trails Director Andy Beers to the Greenway.

Agenda Review and Board Member Comments on Agenda

Kristin Cole Brown noted that it should be mentioned in the resolution that the Greenway was authorized by the original legislation to hold easements, and that the Greenway will adopt an easement policy. Acting Executive Director Scott Keller stated that he and Mr. Beers would work to develop a policy. Jennifer Schwartz Berky mentioned that she is very familiar with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation use easements, and that she would be available to provide input. Mr. Keller agreed the draft policy should be reviewed by Ms. Brown and Ms. Berky.

Empire State Trail

Adoption of Internal Accounting Controls

Acting Chairman Burke called for a motion on the proposed internal accounting controls. On a motion from Jennifer Schwartz Berky (Jane Daniels second) the motion was unanimously approved

Appointment of Andy Beers as Deputy Executive Officer for Empire State Trail Matters

After Mr. Beers gave an overview of the status of the Empire State Trail and how it will proceed, Acting Chairman Burke called for a motion to appoint Mr. Beers as Deputy Executive Officer for the Empire State Trail. On a motion from Jennifer Schwartz Berky (Jayne McLaughlin second) the motion was unanimously approved.

Authorize Opening Empire State Trail Bank Accounts

Acting Chairman Burke called for a motion to open bank accounts for the Empire State Trail. On a motion from Sarah Olson (Jane Daniels second) the motion was unanimously approved.

Authorization to Obtain a Trail License Agreement or Easement for Albany-Hudson Electric Rail Trail

Mr. Beers summarized the status of the project. Acting Chairman Burke called for a motion. On a motion from Jane Daniels (Jennifer Schwartz Berky second) the motion authorizing the Conservancy to accept a License Agreement or Easement with a utility for the Empire State Trail was unanimously approved.

Ms. Brown asked that it be clarified who is asking the Greenway to carry the easement or license agreement for the Trail. Mr. Beers stated that the Greenway had been identified by the Governor's office as the best entity to fulfill that role. Jennifer Schwartz Berky made a motion for an amendment to the resolution stating this, and Jane Daniels seconded. The amendment was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Campochiaro
Meeting Secretary