

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY  
Combined meeting of  
Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.,  
Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,  
and  
Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.  
June 7, 2017  
Kaplan Hall at SUNY Orange County  
Newburgh, NY  
Minutes

**Conservancy Members Present**

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Secretary  
Brown, Kristin Cole, Conservancy Member  
Burke, Kevin, Acting Chair  
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member  
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Treasurer  
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

**Conservancy Members Present by Proxy**

Griffen, Sara, Conservancy Member  
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member  
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member  
Murray, Dennis, Conservancy Member

**Council Members Present**

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member  
Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member  
Downey, Margaret (Meg), Dutchess County Council Member  
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member  
Head, Betty, Albany County Council Member  
McHenry, Barnabas, Council Chair  
Smith, Michelle, Putnam County Council Member  
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member  
Yaun, Johanna, Orange County Council Member

**Council Members Present by Proxy**

Ames, Edward, New York City Council Member  
Mazzarella, Sally, Council Member  
Saland, Stephen, Council Member

**Delegates Present**

Dunwell, Fran, Joint Co-Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Ethier, Jaime, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State  
Jobson, Sandra, Acting Joint Delegate for Commissioner NYS Department of Transportation  
Wrafter, Eoin, Delegate for Conservancy Member Marcus Molinaro

## **Advisory Members Present**

Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association

## **Greenway Staff Present**

Beers, Andy, Empire State Trails Director

Campochiaro, Beth, Trails and Community Outreach Director

Day, Shannon, Administrative Assistant

Jeanson, Daniel, Project Coordinator

Keller, Scott, Acting Executive Director

Marchitello, Chris, Administrative Assistant

Smollin, Stephen, Assistant Events Coordinator

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Barnabas McHenry and Acting Chairman Kevin Burke called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

## **Introductions and Welcomes**

Chairman McHenry introduced Christopher Witson, a representative of Assemblyman Frank Skartados' office. Mr Witson welcomed the Board and attendees, and remarked that the Hudson River Valley Greenway was a model of successful environmental protection programs that are linked to economic development. He noted that the strength of the Greenway comes from everyday people and civic leaders coming together to effect change. He thanked the Greenway for everything it has done for the Hudson River Valley.

Chairman Burke introduced Orange County Historian and Greenway board member Johanna Yaun. Ms. Yaun welcomed everyone to Orange County and to Newburgh, and noted that the meeting was taking place in the largest historic district in New York State. Ms. Yaun covered some of the unique history of Newburgh, and recommended a new book called "Newburgh Rising," which features photos from a National Geographic photographer.

Chairman Burke then introduced Colonel Jim Johnson, who noted that the latest edition of the Hudson River Valley Review featured Andrew Jackson Downing, and highlighted Newburgh and Newburgh artists.

Chairman McHenry noted that we had recently lost Robert Boyle, a journalist who was also a catalyst for the movement to save Storm King mountain. Board member Wint Aldrich made some remarks on the passing of Mr. Boyle, which are appended to these minutes.

Chairman Burke updated the Board on the restoration efforts for the Tower of Victory in Newburgh, a commemoration of peace erected at the centennial of the Revolution. The Palisades Interstate Park Commission and many other partners had been able to raise \$1.6 million, and restoration is expected to be finished a year from now.

## **Presentations**

Chairman McHenry introduced Andy Beers, Empire State Trail Director. Mr. Beers gave an update of the progress of the Empire State Trail, and his presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

## **Agenda Review**

Acting Chairman Burke called for changes and additions to the agenda. Acting Executive Director Scott Keller explained one change to the agenda, that the budget would not be adopted until the October meeting. There were no other comments or changes

## **Minutes of March 22, 2017 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.**

### **Minutes of May 24, 2017 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee**

On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Jennifer Schwartz Berky second) the minutes of the March 22, 2017 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc. were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Bob Elliot (Meg Downey second) the minutes of the May 24, 2017 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee were unanimously approved.

## **Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.**

### Call to Order

Acting Chairman Burke called the Conservancy meeting to order.

### Budget Update

Mr. Keller told the Board that usually the budget would be voted on at the June Board Meeting, however, the Greenway did not receive the final numbers on the National Heritage Area appropriation from the National Park Service until very recently. Therefore, the Board had not had sufficient opportunity to review it yet and a vote would be postponed until October. Mr. Keller noted that the enacted New York State budget for both the Conservancy and Council are the same as the previous year.

### Minutes of the May 19, 2017 Special Meeting of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

On a motion from Jane Daniels (Jennifer Schwartz Berky second) the minutes of the May 19, 2017 special meeting of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. were unanimously approved.

### Empire State Trail Update

Mr. Keller welcomed Andy Beers to the Greenway, and noted that Paul Glesta had started work at the Greenway as the Project Manager for the Empire State Trail the week before.

### Greenway Trail Designations

Mr. Keller announced that the Village of Altamont in Albany County has requested designation of 0.8 mile of trail. Mr. Keller also announced that the Friends of Lindenwald have requested designation of 2.1 miles of the Martin Van Buren nature trails in Columbia County. On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Jane Daniels second) the Board approved a SEQR determination resolution and designated the new trails.

## **Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council**

### Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

### Adopting the Town of Kingsbury as a Greenway Community

Mr. Keller announced that the Town of Kingsbury in Washington County is seeking adoption as a Greenway Community. He also thanked Jeanne Williams, Executive Director of the Feeder Canal Alliance, for her commitment to the Greenway.

### Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Awards

Mr. Keller reviewed the Greenway Grants applications recommended for funding by the Greenway Grants Committee.

The *Town of Esopus, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500 for an ecological survey of conserved lands along the Black Creek. The committee recommends \$7,500.

The *Town of Marlborough, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Marlborough Mills Waterfall Walkway trail Phase I Conceptual Master Plan. The committee recommends \$5,000.

The *Town of Wawarsing with the Village of Ellenville, Ulster County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 for a revitalization plan for Berme Road Park. The committee recommends \$15,000.

Chairman McHenry called for a vote on the Greenway Community designation and the Greenway Grants. On a motion from Wint Aldrich (Fran Dunwell second) the grants were unanimously approved, and the Board welcomed Kingsbury into the Greenway.

## **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area**

### Call to Order

Chairman McHenry and Acting Chairman Burke called the National Heritage Area (NHA) meeting to order.

### Approval of Parks for Every Classroom Grant

Mr. Keller announced that a \$500 grant had been applied for and awarded to the Teaching the Hudson Valley program through the National Park Service's Parks for Every Classroom program. The funds will go toward an integrated education program at the Roosevelt Vanderbilt National Historic Site.

### Approval of Barnabas McHenry Scholarship for Historic Preservation

Mr. Keller announced that the Teaching the Hudson Valley program would begin employing an intern, Molly Scott, who had received a Barnabas McHenry Award for Historic Preservation from the Open Space Institute. The monies would be used to pay for her work with the Teaching the Hudson Valley Program.

### Resolution of Appreciation for the SS Columbia

Mr. Keller noted that after their presentation at a previous Board meeting, the Board has expressed an interest in recognizing the efforts of the SS Columbia Project. The resolution of appreciation therefore expresses that the Board recognizes the SS Columbia Project for their contributions to the mission of the Greenway.

Chairman McHenry called for a vote on all three proposals. On a motion from Stefan Yarabek (Meg Downey second) the two motions and one resolution were unanimously approved. Wint Aldrich and Bob Elliott both recused themselves from the vote on the SS Columbia Project resolution.

Mr. Keller announced the dates of two upcoming events, the Hudson River Valley Ramble on September 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-October 1, and the Path Through History Weekends on June 17-18 and October 7-9.

### **Acting Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Keller reviewed his report which is appended to these minutes.

### **New Business/Public Comment**

Colonel Jim Johnson gave an update on the Henry Knox Cannon Trail project and the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route project.

Stefan Yarabek announced that the Clearwater would be holding the annual Clearwater Revival in Croton on June 17 and 18, and then sailing to Washington to support the EPA and the NPS.

### **Adjourn**

The next meeting of the Boards of Directors will be held October 11, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Campochiaro  
Meeting Secretary