

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY
Meeting of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.
May 8, 2018
Via Telephone
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Burke, Kevin, Acting Chairman
Jacks, Betsy
McLaughlin, Jayne, Treasurer
Olson, Sarah

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Brown, Kristin Cole
Daniels, Jane
Griffen, Sara
Lanzetta, Cindy
Murray, Dennis

Delegates Present

Wrafter, Owen, Delegate for Conservancy Member Marcus Molinaro

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

Consultants

John Montagne, GPI

Welcome and Introductions

Acting Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Acting Executive Director Scott Keller called the roll.

Agenda Review and Board Member Comments on Agenda

Acting Chairman Burke asked if there were any comments on the agenda and none were given.

Minutes of March 9, 2018 Conservancy Board Meeting

Acting Chairman Burke called for a vote on the minutes of the March 9, 2018 meeting. On a motion from Sarah Olson (Betsy Jacks second), the motion passed unanimously. Jane Daniels abstained from the vote as she was not at the last meeting.

Authorization to Close the Public Comment Period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Direct Completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Acting Executive Director Scott Keller explained that the vote today was to close the 60 day public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, and to direct consultants GPI to complete a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). A summary of the comments received would be shared with the Board prior to the June 6th meeting.

Andy Beers explained that there had been a lot of public outreach outside of the public hearing, and generally the comments have been supportive of the project, and that the staff and consultants have been able to address most people's concerns.

Acting Chairman Burke read the resolution and called for a motion. On a motion from Sarah Olson (Betsy Jacks second) the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of June 6 meeting

Scott Keller reviewed the process for the June 6th meeting. There will be a regular meeting of the Joint Boards of the Greenway, followed by a Conservancy Board review of the FEIS and the process of SEQRA that remains for the Greenway to follow. Then there will be a vote of the Conservancy Board to declare the FEIS complete and authorize a 30 day public review.

New Business

Acting Chairman Burke noted that he and Chairman McHenry would be visiting the trail on June 7th. Jane Daniels asked if she may attend and Scott Keller said that transportation would be arranged.

Future Meetings

Scott Keller reviewed the schedule of future meetings, which included the June 6th in-person meeting, and a phone meeting on July 27th to accept the FEIS as complete and authorize completion of SEQRA findings. Final Board comments on the FEIS are due to staff on August 31, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Campochiaro
Meeting Secretary