

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 6, 2018
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library and Museum
Hyde Park, NY 12538
Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Brown, Kristin Cole, Conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Chairman
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Treasurer
O'Donnell, Jennifer, Conservancy Secretary
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Griffen, Sara, Conservancy Member
Olson, Sarah, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Galef, Sandra, Council Member
McHenry, Barnabas, Council Chairman
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
Downey, Margaret (Meg), Dutchess County Council Member
Galef, Sandra, Council Member, Assemblywoman
Head, Betty, Albany County Council Member
Mazzarella, Sally, Council Member
Saland, Stephen, Council Member

Council Members Present by Phone

Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member

Delegates Present

Cooper, Linda, Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Dunwell, Fran, Joint Co-Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Ethier, Jaime, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State
MacMillan, Lance, Joint Co-Delegate for Commissioner NYS Department of Transportation
Taylor, Meghan, Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Empire State Development
Wrafter, Eoin, Delegate for Conservancy Member Marcus Molinaro

Delegates Present by Phone

Rooney, Frank, Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Agriculture and Markets

Advisory Members Present

Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association
Bicking, Andy, Scenic Hudson

Greenway Staff Present

Arana, Cody, Assistant Event Coordinator
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

Call to Order

Chairman Barnabas McHenry and Chairman Kevin Burke called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Introductions and Welcomes

Chairman Burke introduced Lydia Biskup from the office of Senator Sue Serino. Ms. Biskup gave an update on the fencing issue along the Hudson Line of Amtrak and noted that the Senator's office was continuing to work on the issue. She thanked the Greenway for inviting Senator Serino to the meeting.

Chairman Burke introduced Rick Stein, Chief of Staff for Assemblywoman Didi Barrett. Mr. Stein read a letter from Assemblywoman Barrett in which she gave updates on the Working Farm Protection Act, Carbon Farming Act, Historic Trades Initiative, and Lyme and tick awareness. She wished everyone a good Greenway meeting.

Chairman Burke introduced Jack Burke from Congressman Faso's office, who gave updates on the Amtrak fencing issue.

Chairman Burke introduced Larry Turk, the Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt-Van Buren National Historic Sites. Mr. Turk noted that this day was the 74th anniversary of D-Day, an important date in history. Mr. Turk welcomed everyone to the FDR National Historic Site.

Awards

Council Member Wint Aldrich spoke at length about honoree Barry Benepe. His remarks are appended to and a part of these minutes.

Adrian Benepe then spoke about his father's background and many accomplishments that have led to his being honored by the Greenway.

Chairman Burke presented Mr. Barry Benepe with a Certificate of Highest Merit from the Hudson River Valley Greenway. Mr. Benepe thanked the Greenway for this award and spoke about some of the moments that had shaped his career.

Presentations

Chairman Burke introduced Kytt McManus, GIS Programmer, CIESIN, Earth Institute at Columbia University. Mr. McManus presented on Flood Modeling & Impact Analysis of Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge for Communities on the Banks of the Hudson River. His presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Chairman McHenry introduced Jennifer Carlquist, Executive Director, Boscobel House and Gardens. Her presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Agenda Review

Chairman Burke called for changes and additions to the agenda. There were no comments.

Minutes of April 25, 2018 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

Chairman Burke asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Greenway Joint Meeting. On a motion from Linda von der Heide (Stefan Yarabek second) the minutes of the April 25, 2018 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. Jane Daniels abstained from the vote as she was not present at the April meeting.

Minutes of May 8, 2018 Meeting of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Sally Mazzarella second) the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. were unanimously approved.

Minutes of May 29, 2018 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Bob Elliott (Cindy Lanzetta second) the minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee were unanimously approved.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Chairman Burke called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Appointment of Chairman

Mr. Keller announced that the Governor had officially appointed Kevin M. Burke as Chairman of the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Update on Empire State Trail

Chairman Burke introduced Andy Beers, Empire State Trail Director, for an update on the Empire State Trail (EST). Mr. Beers noted several milestones in the trail's development, including an extension to the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and a groundbreaking in Amhurst for the last gap in the Erie Canalway Trail. He also noted that the first signs went up this month and gateways for the trail were being developed.

Hudson River Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment and Hudson River Safety, Navigation, and Operations Committee

Mr. Keller reviewed the activities of the Hudson River Harbor Safety Committee and noted that on October 2, 2018 the first public meeting will be held.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Council meeting to order.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Awards

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

Greenway Grants Program

The *Town of Durham, Greene County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a Comprehensive Plan update. The Committee recommends \$10,000.

The *Town of Fort Edward, Washington County*, is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$2,500 for a targeted market analysis to assess potential visitation and economic impacts for a proposed Birding Center in Fort Edward. The Committee recommends \$2,500.

The *Town of Half Moon, Saratoga County*, is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 to establish the Vosburgh Road Preserve on Town-owned property, establishing a rustic trail network for residents and visitors to immerse themselves in scenic woodlands. The Committee recommends \$10,000.

The *Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County*, is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,250 for a comprehensive plan review and update. The Committee recommends \$7,200.

The *Town of Salem, Washington County*, is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500 for the Georgi on the Battenkill's Corridor Connection Project, which aims to improve and enhance the public's access to the Battenkill. The Committee recommends \$6,000

Greenway Compact Grant Program

The *City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County*, is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$4,023.50 for a phase 1A/B archeological study on a 1.5 acre city-owned vacant lot for the purpose of

investigating the possibility of creating a community farm hub connected with the city and its partners' broader Fall Kill Initiative. The Committee recommends \$4,000.

Greenway Community Designation Request

Mr. Keller announced that the Village of Corinth in Saratoga County is seeking designation as a Greenway Community.

Chairman McHenry called for a vote on the Greenway Grants and Compact Grants, and on the Greenway Community designation. On a motion from Bob Elliott (Wint Aldrich second) the grants were unanimously approved and the Village of Corinth was welcomed into the Greenway.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

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

Teaching the Hudson Valley

Mr. Keller announced that Debi Duke, who has been running the Teaching the Hudson Valley program, would be leaving this month.

2018 Hudson River Valley Ramble Dates

Mr. Keller stated that the 2018 Ramble would take place on September 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30.

Success Files on PBS

Mr. Keller noted that the National Heritage Area will be featured on the PBS series *Success Files*, hosted by Rob Lowe. A 3 to 5-minute show on the NHA will run for a year and is anticipated to reach 60 million households. In addition to the educational segment covering the NHA, we will also receive a one minute video clip suitable for advertising and a slightly longer high end custom documentary for our use. The material will hopefully air in September.

Hudson River Train Tour App

Mr. Keller announced that the Hudson River Train Tour App was nearly ready for release, and marketing efforts had begun to let people know about this incredibly useful and educational tool.

Acting Executive Director's Report

Mr. Keller thanked the staff for their hard work.

New Business/Public Comment

Future Meetings

There is a schedule change from previous years' Board Meetings. The two remaining Joint Greenway Board meetings will be:

September 12, 2018, SUNY Orange, Newburgh Campus

November 14, 2018

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. by acclamation.

I feel as though I have wanted to say these things publicly about this remarkable man for over 40 years, and am so glad to have had the opportunity to do so at the meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, Hyde Park, June 6, 2018.

I first encountered Barry Benepe's name in the early 1970's with the publication of his *Stone Houses of Ulster County*, a book documenting not only the celebrated buildings of Huguenot Street and in Kingston's Stockade District, but also those old farmhouses that had survived scattered about the hinterland. Then I met him and Judith -- they have a house in Saugerties -- when they became early and regular encouragers of our efforts with Daisy Suckley to preserve Wilderstein in Rhinebeck.

It was about then that this wise and creative citizen -- a gifted urban planner and landscape architect who specialized in putting the past to work for the future and could envision the Valley as a whole -- became nationally known as a proponent of the pioneering Greenmarket movement. The economics for mid-Hudson Valley farmers had languished -- especially that of the vegetable- and fruit-growers -- while the residents of Manhattan (he among them) had to put up with stale produce shipped from California. What became in time the phenomenal success of the Greenmarkets at Union Square and elsewhere, has helped secure the future of our region's agriculture while enhancing the quality of life and of nutrition for the city-dwellers.

This champion of rational planning, of preservation and reuse of the built environment, of livable communities and of open space protection -- in short, this humane voice in our midst -- whether he knows it or not embodies the Greenway message.

Barry is not the only Benepe to have emerged as a leader in promoting and advancing a greener world. Before Chairman Burke makes the presentation, along with remarks on Barry's work in Kevin's own beleaguered Newburgh, we ask Barry's son Adrian to join us in introducing his father.

Adrian served for eleven years as New York City's distinguished Commissioner of Parks under Mayor Bloomberg, significantly improving and extending that spectacular amenity of urban life. More recently he has been Senior Vice-president for the Trust for Public Land -- and organization, by the way, which years ago saved for the nation from condo development the meadow immediately south of, and adjacent to, the Roosevelt home grounds here at Hyde Park.

Wint Aldrich

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Campochiaro
Meeting Secretary