

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 7-1-2024  
Meeting Minutes July 1, 2024**

**Monthly Meeting July 1, 2024**

**Present**

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Bill Schneider, Kevin Gilrain, Michael Susi, Jessie Anderson

Public: Jim DiGioia

Absent: David Kolb, Nolan Robinson,

**Call to Order**

The June Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:02 pm on May 6, 2024 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

**Review Monthly Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2024**

Bill moved to approve with correction of adjournment time to be 6:55pm and Mike seconded to approve as corrected; Passed

**Treasurer's Report**

Deb gave treasurer's report through 6-30-24

Opening Balance \$57,411.22

Revenue \$ 5,717.00

Income included a \$5,000 gift from the T. Backer Fund

Expenses \$2706.58

Expenses included repairs to flail mower.

Closing Balance: Total with Reserves: \$60421.64

Bill moved to approve and Mike seconded: Passed.

Following up on Kevin's suggestion that some portion of reserve funds might be kept in an interest bearing account, Deb recommended an account at Community Bank CD to remain for 1 year at 4.3%.

Bill moved and Lee seconded that Deb move \$30,000 from reserves to this account. Approved. Deb will add a line to the budget to reflect interest from this account.

**Membership Report**

Nolan absent; no report

**Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Kevin reported volunteers have done 7 mowing deployments so far. He gained a new volunteer, Bob Hess. Everyone is pleased with the new electric push mower.

Someone has been mowing part of the trail south of Keil's and seems to be an unknown private citizen.

Kevin will be away August 15 through September 15. Someone will need to cover for him for setting up mowing scheduling. New (better) system for logging volunteer hours is in place.

Kevin advocated for a volunteer appreciation event.

Bill will explore new volunteer recruitment possibilities at Ichabod Crane High School as Honor Society Students must put in hours.

**Farmers Markets**

Jessie reported Hudson Market tent space for CFET was June 22 and again on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Lee volunteered to help Jessie for June 22. Market supplies will be kept at Niverville. Foot traffic in Hudson was slow.

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Columbia County Fair: Robin Benzinger from the Fair Committee had offered that we might work the snack bar at the craft beer tent and promote for CFET. It was decided that we did not have enough volunteers to cover the necessary hours. We declined.

### **Other Business:**

Kinderhook Peoples Parade will be 7-4-24 and steps off at Rothermel Park at 11am. Ron and friends will decorate and ride the “mule”.

Cycle Hudson Valley riders will be coming August 4th. Deb and Ron will set up a water and info tent 10:30-1:30 that Sunday.

Oktoberfest is set for October 19 at Samascott’s Farm Market, drive thru style , the Rotary will cook. Tickets \$22 to be purchased online via Zeffy. Anne Shaffer will design posters. Deb will pursue if Old Klaverack Brewery would partner.

Jake and Ron are following up again about a storage container at Stuyvesant Falls Mill. A 40ft container would be useful to store the truck.

### **Grant Updates**

no report

### **Public Comments:**

none

**Adjournment:** Kevin moved, Deb seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:03 pm

### **Next Meeting Monday August 5, 2024 @ 6pm**

at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.  
Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Jamison