

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 6-3-2024  
Meeting Minutes June 3 2024**

**Monthly Meeting June 3, 2024**

**Present**

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Bill Schneider, Nolan Robinson, Kevin Gilrain  
Jessie Anderson

Public: Ron Rich, Jim DiGioia

Absent: David Kolb, Michael Susi

**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 May 6, 2024**

Bill moved and Deb seconded to approve; Passed

**Treasurer's Report**

Deb gave treasurer's report through 5-31-24

Opening Balance \$51,046.35

Revenue \$ 6,643.63

Expenses \$278.77

Closing Balance: Total with Reserves: \$57,411.22

Revenue included Greenway Grant. Reimbursement for trees eliminated \$748 in expenses.

Nolan moved to approve and Kevin seconded: Passed.

Kevin suggested reserve funds might be kept in an interest bearing account. Deb will explore.

**Membership Report**

Nolan reported: 6 new members; 132 total members

**Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Kevin reported 11 volunteers worked over the course of the month. Thursdays seem to be a more popular day than Wednesdays for attendance. Most of Trail is mowed and trimmed. Jake reported Andy Beers gave kudos to CFET, Kevin and team for a beautiful job with trail maintenance. The flail mower needed repairs due to damage from a collision with a hidden piece of concrete along the trail.

Jake updated the system for tracking volunteer hours.

Ron, Jake and Bob Sweet planted trees in North Chatham as trail screening.

**Farmers Markets**

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

Ron reported they helped Rotary serve meals at the Gravel Grinder Bike Race on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fair Grounds to 11,000 participants.

OK5K will be June 8 and we will need to set up tent in Kinderhook at 7am. Mike volunteered.

Columbia County Fair: Robin Benzinger from the Fair Committee offered that we might work the snack bar at the craft beer tent and promote for CFET. Tabled for further discussion.

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### **Other Business:**

Discussion of need for an electric push mower for areas not easily reached by string trimmers or large mowers. Bill Schneider will research options for a 3 blade, 22' deck aluminum, self-propelled mower.

Ron has new post cards for thank yous. He found old photo of the original area of Mills Park. Nolan will send out June 30. Kevin offered to help with mail merge.

We anticipate Cycle Hudson Valley riders will be coming sometime in August. TBA

### **Grant Updates**

Portion of Greenway Grant received

### **Public Comments:**

none

**Adjournment:** Bill moved, Kevin seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

### **Next Meeting Monday July 1, 2024 @ 6pm**

at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Jamison