

# CCPC Minutes

## 01-25-2024

Members present: Bob Franzen, Tom Erlandson, Jacob Bodway, Steve Sandberg, Bob Dando, Martha Anderson, Dotty Lauricello

Guests: Justin Rader, Jamie Reynolds, Pat Smith, Courtney Domst, Twan Leenders

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Bob Franzen at the CC Airport conference room.

The minutes had been emailed, 1 change noted that was corrected and they were accepted as written. Martha agreed to take over secretary since Judy resigned. A card was passed around to send to Judy thanking her for her service.

Justin presented the Operations report. The Parks remain closed. 3 new picnic tables and 2 benches have been awarded to Jamestown Advanced Products, with an additional 3 table frames and 2 bench frames ordered. They will be constructed and placed before the Parks open in May. Eggleston Hill parking lot design is completed but the weather has not cooperated for constructing it yet. Luensman bathroom status is unchanged. The option to purchase process for Arkwright property has been continuing - survey, and SEQR are complete, and it has gone to Law Dept and the sellers' attorneys. Possible closing in February. Jamie presented maps of the property and explained details. The occupancy tax will be used to fund cleanup of the waterways in 2024. Harris Hill steel bridge for 28-mile creek design is complete, permits have been submitted to NYSDEC, and tree clearing for access there is complete. Dinsbier timber sale was approved- 2-year contract with Gutches lumber, payment has been received Luensman timber sale will go to bid in Spring 2024. The 4<sup>th</sup> kiosk from Chautauqua Lake School will be placed at the waterway near the PA line. Pat brought up the poor condition of the Westside Overland trail from Steadman Rd to Waite Corner Rd. This was discussed and it was decided to place temporarily closed signs at both ends of that portion until we can remediate the situation. Discussion was held on where a reroute could be placed.

The total Eclipse on April 8 and the influx of people it will bring, and it was decided to open the Parks for the day to allow visitors to come great view from both Parks. The port-a-potty will be installed prior to the day and left for the season until the restroom is completed. Parks employees and seasonals were discussed and the need for extra help to work with Pat all year if possible. DPF fills in when they have available help, but another full-time person would be a great help due the extensive amount of work it takes to maintain the Parks and Trails keeping them open, clean, and safe. Jacob will draft a letter to send in support of the trails and parks for all to sign and submit to the County.

Jacob stated that he did not get the Parks and Trails NY grant but will re-apply for it this summer. The Boutwell Hill Ski Club was awarded a \$230,000 grant for trail improvement for the Homestead Trail for skiing, horses, biking and hiking Discussion was held on the portion of the Overland Trail damage done previously by ski club equipment off Rutenbur Rd. and need for repair to that area also. The snowmobile group expressed interest in joining Friends of Greenways.

Twan Leenders discussed the Waterway trail and the improvements the Watershed Conservancy has been making with the Chadakoin and Waterway. A blockage on one side of the island has created erosion on the island. This has exposed a Native American shell mound on the island. He has contacted the Seneca Nation regarding this. He discussed where on the waterway they would concentrate cleanup efforts to provide the greatest length of open stretches for kayak/canoe usage. The confluence of the Cassadaga and Conewango has many very large blockages. Clearing has been completed from the PA line Northward 12.5 miles and will be checked when the weather allows for further issues that may have been created over winter. They have mapped 21 miles of the waterway.

Jamie discussed waterway easements and access points. He also discussed County property surveying and will provide a list of what areas we have and where they are.

Bob Scutter, from District 3, has been appointed our new Legislative rep. and will attend meeting when he can.

Martha motioned for adjournment, Jacob seconded and the meeting ended at 5:37 pm

The next meeting is February 22, 2024