

Philipstown Trails Committee
January 17, 7- 8:30PM
Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY

Meeting began at 7:05 pm.

PTC Members: Rebeca Ramirez, Laura Bozzi, Marianne Sullivan, Howard Kapowitz, Jason Angell, John Pavlik, MJ Martin, Paul Thompson, Trace Danicich

Public in attendance:

Lauren de la Vega, Heidi Wendel, Joe Hirsh, Frank deAngelis, Delmar Carlin, and Irene Carlin

1. Welcome & introduction of visitors and new members

Delmar Carlin lives in Garrison. He shared that he and his wife had questions for PTC. Frank DeAngelis lives in Garrison on 9D and voiced objections to the PTC's "favored route," sharing that his property line and the historic stone wall entryway are an area of concern. Lauren lives in Nelsonville, is a NYNJTC trail maintainer and is interested in safer walkability in Philipstown and being on the PTC.

2. Preparation for Town Workshop

a) It was noted that a committee meeting was happening at Cold Spring Village Hall on visitation and that several PTC members were attending that meeting.

b) The Town workshop presentation will include key takeaways and carve time for the public to be informed and discuss.

c) Members covered who would represent potential routes explored, Laura (area A), John (area B), Rebeca (area C), Marianne & Emily (area D)

d) Co-chairs are expecting a high turnout and will try to utilize the space on walls for routes but will not be including boards with outdated info. MJ will help count attendees and direct towards sign-in and Lauren volunteered to take notes during Q&A. Rebeca will print sheets/surveys and MJ will allow PTC to borrow a screen projector.

e) The PTC members asked Laura & Rebeca to consider the following questions before the presentation:

- What (if anything) is the PTC asking from the town board?
- Are we asking the board for support in where to start?
- Are we asking for more funding and feasibility?
- What (if any) is the cost to Philipstown?
- How do we find the next phase of funding?

f) Laura & Rebeca shared that they will not make a recommendation on stages of development but they will recommend routes and share feedback from the public regarding access from Cold Spring to Boscobel.

g) MJ added that we should publicly share the abandoned routes and reasons.

h) Below are a few questions that the committee recommended asking the board:

- Does the town want PTC to continue this work?
- What are the opinions regarding priority around stages of development?
- What are the opinions on the priority of routes?

i) Rebeca shared that Marianne and her planned on sharing feedback from community outreach and that she would create a folder for the day with access to some of the materials (how we gathered the feedback - letters/email submissions, surveys at public presentations, etc). They will also share the key takeaways of community feedback.

g) John shared that the big takeaway was all of the data and feedback is that there is a greater need for concerns around safety and usability in transportation in town.

3. Additional Community Outreach

- a) The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce invited us to present at a merchant meeting in February and we will add that to our outreach.
- b) We have also asked the village to be on the agenda for a meeting with the Board of Trustees.

4. Update from Trace of Complete Streets Subcommittee

- There is a Phone App that she is considering for the PTC to use for Complete Streets intake (pilot phase) & PTC will help collect data about existing conditions of street safety
- She hopes that we will be able to engage with the community and possibly Haldane students and parents (will take place sometime in March)
- Traffic areas with safety concerns include the following :
 - Butterfield to Chestnut Ridge
 - Fair Street (Mayor's Park)
 - Tot's park
 - Main St and 9D
 - Turnabout by river
 - Riverside
 - Drug World
- Mock audit to align with road audit (Laura)

5. Public questions/comments

- Irene shared that they were able to get access to maps online and that utility poles exist that mark the right of way. She shared that they have found that 9D is too narrow. She also asked who was funding the project and if the project is a greenway project trying to connect to the greenways? She asked if Hudson Valley Greenways was the right organization behind the project.
 - Marianne and MJ shared that the feasibility study is funded by a Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant. MJ clarified that Hudson Valley Greenways funded "Take a Hike" program, which is not a Greenway, and this is an example of how funding through the Greenways program does not require that the project become part of the Greenway trail network.
 - Rebeca confirmed that the PTC does not yet know what grants are available for work past this feasibility study and if we move forward we do not yet know who would fund the next phase.