

Philipstown Trails Committee
February 21, 2023, 7- 8:30PM
Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY

PTC Members: Jason Angell, Laura Bozzi, Rebeca Ramirez, MJ Martin, John Pavlik, Marianne Sullivan, Paul Thompson, Lauren de la Vega

Public in attendance: Delmar Carlin and Irene Carlin

1- Meeting called to order at 7:07pm. Introduction of guests.

2- Feasibility study updates: (1) timeline for review and completion; (2) potential phasing recommendation; (3) planning for delivery to town board (4) timesheets.

3 - Co-Chairs reported Weston & Sampson expects a draft of the feasibility study report next week. PTC is providing Weston & Sampson some components: a background section, a community engagement section, and a cover. PTC will have proofreading opportunities.

4 - Report Next Steps

Laura asked Jason when can we submit the final feasibility study to the Town Board? We're seeking formal acceptance of the report by the town board to comply with the grant requirements. This could be using a resolution or in another form. Jason explained that this could happen at a workshop or a town board meeting, and he suggested April. The deliverable for the Greenways grant is the final feasibility study. Discussion ensued regarding whether the board wants PTC to continue its work and next steps. Laura suggested that we ask this in an accompanying letter. It might involve phasing of the project, concentrating on seeking funding for deeper analysis of the pathway from Cold Spring to Boscobel. Rebeca communicated that she will be updating & printing the time sheets to total up the hours for final reporting. The contract will be reviewed to ensure what we submit will be in compliance.

3- Report back on Presentations

Presentations were made to the Cold Spring Village Board of Trustees and the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce. Marianne Sullivan presented to Village Trustees an abridged version, which was followed by some feedback/questions regarding the Cold Spring portion. The Village recommended that we speak to EMS and get their input on responding to possible emergencies, once the proposal has more detail. They acknowledged our vision path is for residents and indicated interest. It is important to

keep them informed because the Foundry Bridge is within the Village borders. The presentation to the Chamber was very brief.

4- Complete Streets Subcommittee Update

Trace Danicich gave an update on the Walk Audit. The team made a Google form for volunteers to be able to use their smartphones to make notes of village streets and sidewalks. The form still needs some finetuning. We need a couple people to test it out for us. Lauren volunteered to try it out as well as Rebeca, Laura, and Paul. We will need more people (possibly PTC members) to walk streets and input data. The goal is to capture existing walking conditions in the village. It could also be an Earth Day activity.

5- PTC leadership update

Laura will be stepping down as Co-Chair after the feasibility study is submitted. Rebeca will continue as chair for another year but is looking for two or three other people to help with leadership perhaps focused on communications and note taking. Rebeca noted that it would also be good to collaborate or compare notes with similar committees in neighboring communities.

6 - NYSDOT Meeting Update

Jason reported that there was a phone meeting with NY Department of Transportation representatives. He suggested that we might include their list of grants (transportation alternatives) in the feasibility study report. Jason also recommended that we work on our plans on moving forward once the feasibility study is completed, including related to funding and meetings with stakeholders, government officials, and others.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.