

Adirondack Rail Trail Stakeholders Meeting Summary
Main Conference Room, DEC Region 5 Headquarters Ray Brook
9 am, October 28, 2016

I. Attendees

1. Patty Littlefield, Tupper Lake (T)
2. Paul O’Leary, Tupper Lake (T)
3. Peter Edwards, Tupper Lake (V)
4. Mickey Webb, Santa Clara (T)
5. Craig Randall, Lake Placid (V)
6. Brad Hathaway, Lake Placid (V)
7. Chuck Damp, North Elba (T)
8. Rich Shapiro, Saranac Lake (V)
9. Ed Randig, Harrietstown (T)
10. John Hopkinson, Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society
11. Carl Knoch, Rail Trail Consultant
12. Michelle Clement, ROOST
13. Tony Goodwin, Adirondack Trail Improvement Society
14. Lee Keet, ARTA
15. Kris Cheney-Seymour, ORDA
16. Jim McCulley, Lake Placid Snowmobile Club
17. John Schmid, DEC
18. Fran Sheehan, DEC
19. Bob Stegemann, DEC
20. Steve Guglielmi, DEC
21. Holly Kneeshaw, DEC
22. David Winchell, DEC
23. Emily Kilburn, DEC
24. Carolyn Dunderdale, OGS
25. Mark Johns, Bergmann Associates
26. Walt Linck, APA

II. Public Outreach

1. These initial stakeholder group meetings will be continue to be closed to public and press.
2. Press – David Winchell will be available for press interviews regarding meetings within one business day of each meeting
 - i. Draft meeting summaries – Provided to all who attended a meeting for review, comment and approval.
3. Approved meeting summaries
 - i. Provided to all members of the stakeholder group
 1. Stakeholder groups are free to share with their constituencies however they determine
 - ii. DEC will provide to Adirondack Daily Enterprise and any other media outlets who request the summaries

4. Discussion on process for public review of draft conceptual design and operational plan lead to identification of following:
 - i. Stakeholder group will have 2 or 3 more meetings (more if warranted)
 - ii. Information will be used by OGS and their contractors to develop a Draft Conceptual Design and O&M Plan
 - iii. Review of Draft Conceptual Design and O&M Plan
 1. Provide to stakeholder group for review and comment.
 2. Provided to the public for review and comment.
 - a. Public meetings will be held in conjunction with local governments, details to be determined.
 - iv. Stakeholder group and public comments will be incorporated into the Project Report
 - v. Project Report will be used to develop RFP for design and construction of the recreational trail.
 - vi. Stakeholder group and public comments will be incorporated into the Operation & Maintenance Plan/Agreement
 - vii. State agencies will develop a timeline of the above steps to provide to the public

III. Mapping the Corridor Features

1. Stakeholder group broke up into four work stations with state agency staff at each work station to mark-up maps and record information as follows
 - i. Lake Placid and North Elba
 1. Carolyn Dunderdale
 2. Emily Kilburn
 - ii. Saranac Lake
 1. John Schmid
 2. Fran Sheehan
 - iii. Harrietstown and Santa Clara
 1. Dave Winchell
 - iv. Tupper Lake (Village & Town)
 1. Mark John
 2. Holly Kneeshaw
2. The following people moved between work stations providing information
 - i. Lee Keet
 - ii. Carl Knoch
 - iii. Jim McCulley
 - iv. Tony Goodwin
 - v. Steve Guglielmi
3. Municipal officials – came prepared with information regarding the following:

- i. Access Points
 - 1. Primary access points with parking
 - 2. Secondary access points
 - a. Recreational Trails
 - b. Businesses or Amenities
 - c. Attractions
 - d. Parks
 - e. Other
 - 3. Snowmobile
 - a. Parking areas for vehicles and trailers
 - b. Snowmobile Trails
 - 4. Emergency Vehicles
- ii. Other Points
 - 1. Historic Features
 - 2. Scenic Views
 - 3. Picnic Areas
 - 4. Other
- iii. Areas of Concern
 - 1. Residential Areas
 - 2. Industrial or other Attractive Nuisances
 - 3. Potential Illegal Access for motor vehicles and ATVS
 - 4. Encroachments
 - 5. Road Crossings
 - 6. Causeways
 - 7. Bridges
 - 8. Other

IV. Overview of Corridor Map

- 1. Each group presented to features and concerns identified
- 2. Additional information were provided and discussed

V. Summary of Meeting - Participants and organizers of the meeting expressed appreciation

- 1. Municipalities came prepared with plenty of good information
- 2. Format allowed for:
 - i. Organized identification of features and concerns
 - ii. Discussions on location, design and components of features
 - iii. Discussions of ideas for dealing with concerns
 - iv. A quality product for DEC, OGS, and Bergmann Associates to develop both:
 - 1. Draft Conceptual Design
 - 2. Project Report
- 3. Carl Knoch states he has attended many meeting such as this all over the northeast and this was one of the best

- i. Due to the reasons listed above and
- ii. Enthusiasm and willingness to work together

VI. Next Steps

1. DEC will take the maps and information to develop a GIS data set which will be provided to OGS and Bergmann Associates
2. DEC and OGS will develop a timeline for development of the Draft Conceptual Design and O&M Plan
3. Topics for future meetings: (NOTE: Not all of these were brought up during the meeting but are provided here to document them)
 - i. Operation & Maintenance Agreement/Plan
 - ii. Location of
 1. Bathrooms
 2. Benches
 3. Picnic tables
 4. Lighting
 5. Other amenities
 - iii. Biking needs and concerns (bike racks)
 - iv. Snowmobiling needs and concerns
 - v. Road crossings
 - vi. Means of minimizing impacts on residential areas
 - vii. Causeways, bridges and culverts
 - viii. Rules, regulation and enforcement
 - ix. Signage
 1. Directional
 2. Informational
 3. Interpretive
 - a. Historic
 - b. Cultural
 - c. Natural History
 - x. Depots
 - xi. Historic preservation

VII. Next meeting

1. Date & Time: TBD
2. Topics: TBD
3. Other Participants: TBD