

Stuyvesant Trails Committee - March 9, 2010, 7PM

Present: Sean Cummings, Ed Scott, Kathy Schneider, Mike Locker, Richard Anderson, Mike Naegeli, Michelle Richardson
Guests: Chris DeCintio (DEC)

Discussion about tracking for feasibility study match.

Mike will ask his title examiner to do tax map research.

Last month's minutes approved.

DEC/NYS DOT Meeting Summary by Sean

This was not the meeting that we requested; this was a separate meeting. Each organization had 4-5 representatives.

DOT has \$550k for a crossing at IceHouse Road. This comes under a stimulus program. Question about whether IceHouse road would remain private (DEC) or be assumed by the town to make it public. Leaving it private would minimize the widening needed. Would put parking area beyond barn. DEC maintains it now. Icehouse would be the location of any canoe/kayak launch.

Valerie emphasized need for pedestrian access, and parking area.

DEC/DOT is working on a sign for icehouse road.

Ferry Rd closure - still a possibility though they wouldn't take houses by eminent domain.

Possible barricades at kiosk. They don't want to do the connector road due to wetlands.

The town will contact schools and ask them not to take field trips there until crossing is resolved.

Parking area in field before ice house, with handicapped accessible trail to ice house.

Boat launch will probably consist of repairing the steps.

No plans to close grade crossing. Will do some electrical upgrades at this crossing as part of the Icehouse Road work.

Boat Launch project is still listed on the DOT website.

Sean brought up access to the point below Stuyvesant Landing via the strip of CSX track. Pete Innes said that CSX has said in the past that they will not allow pedestrian access along the tracks. Sean would like to follow up with Valerie about this in the next few weeks.

Adopt a Natural Resource Program

Possibility of local residents doing trail maintenance on DEC land. Proposed area is across from Lang Rd. where the gazebo is. Application on DEC website. It asks for SSNs because you would be covered under NYS workman's comp. Bring own tools and/or borrow Chris'. He will do chainsaw work.

We would have to form an ad hoc group to do this, since we can't represent the town and do work for the DEC.

SUNY Albany project to see sheep impact on invasive species. They will be penned near the dune area.

DEC just got another 160 acres from Office of General Services (OGS) south of Ferry Road, to Gay's point.

Nancy Heaslip manages the area north of the inlet north of icehouse road as a wildlife management. South of the inlet is Estuary Program (Betsy Blair).

Unused CSX line walk

We walked about 1.5 miles from trail station to where it crosses 9J past Gibbons Rd. This is mentioned in our comprehensive plan. Valerie is concerned that pursuing this could threaten the Schoolhouse Rd bridge repair. Sean would like the town to request discussion with CSX about this. He wrote a draft letter that he will forward to Val for review.

Trail Feasibility Study, 10 minutes (8:05-8:15)

On February 22, the trails committee visited Jeff Olsen at SUNY Albany, who is likely to do the feasibility study.

Ten minutes of discussion.

Joint Meeting with Greenway Committee

Public forum on river access?

Greenway Committee is winding down on comprehensive plan analysis.

Invite Scenic Hudson & CLC.

Sean will work on dates for litter cleanups.

Adjourn