

**NJ Committee for the East Coast Greenway
Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2008—6:30 pm
Home of Mike Dannemiller
10 Greenwood Ave., West Orange, NJ**

Present: Mike Kruimer (Co-Chair), Anne Kruimer, David Ascher, Dolores Newman (Co-Chair), Mike Selender, and Mike Dannemiller

Membership: Committee discussed how to get renewals of memberships. A list of non-renewals was reviewed.

NY-NJ Trail Conference: Mike Oliva will work on an article about the ECG for the NY-NJ Trail Conference. The NJ Chapter of the ECG could get listed in the newsletter for a contribution of \$50.

National Website: Upgrade not complete yet.

Signs: Discussed needs of Middlesex County—count and locations. Mike Dannemiller presented photos and information about where the signs should be placed and in what directions. This report was the result of the on-the-trail research efforts of Mike Dannemiller, Mike Kruimer and Mike Oliva on July 12.

Close the Gaps Ride: This ride will go from Wilmington, DE (starting on September 25) to NYC. There will be several days of riding in NJ at the beginning of October. There will be dinners in Jersey City and Hoboken with opportunities to meet local officials who can be of assistance to the ECG.

Grant Applications: Grant applications were filed with the Dodge Foundation and the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program. The deadline for filing with the Fund for NJ is approaching. The Merck Family Fund funds climate change issues. We need to send them a preliminary proposal letter. The DEP Recreational Trails Application, which has a cap of \$25,000, is due in August. We should get Middlesex County to apply for funds for Roosevelt Park gap. Finally, Novartis will look at proposals sponsored by employees. Gideon Friedman, a Novartis employee, can help us with this potential funding source.

T-Shirt Design. Discussed edits/design of NJECG t-shirt with sponsorship on the shirt for use at events and as incentives.

Linda Stender: She is running for Congress in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District. How can we get her to support our efforts?

D&R Canal Commission: Anne Kruimer attended the most recent meeting of the D&R Canal Commission. They talked about improvements in Trenton.

Liberty Ride: This was a ride that the Committee had discussed some time ago—from the Liberty Bell to Liberty State Park. Dolores spoke with Glen Goldstein about how to make this a viable undertaking—get a celebrity or famous person to be part of it.

Portal Bridge: Mike Selender commented at a hearing regarding the replacement of the Portal Bridge. Cost constraints will be a problem.

Trail Guide: Edits have been made in preparation for the reprint of the Trail Guide. The State will again pay for the printing.

WalkBikeJersey Blog: WalkBikeJersey is a statewide citizen's group working to improve bicycling, walking, and public transit conditions. Mike Krumer will contact this group. <http://walkbikejersey.blogspot.com/>

Covered Bridge Ride: August 17, 2008, Lancaster, PA.

ANJEC: Association of NJ Environmental Commissions: Annual meeting at Mercer County College, October 3, 2008.

Seton Hall: University Day, October 4. Discussion regarding having a promotional table there.

Town of Woodbridge Ride: September 28. 30 miles.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 18 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Katz Civic Center, West Orange, NJ.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

David Ascher, Secretary