



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**February 16, 2023 4:30 PM**

Town of Kirkland Offices 3699 NY-12B Clinton, NY 13323

### **Present**

Chairperson Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)  
Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)  
Amy Heiderich (HOCCPP Staff)  
Alan Cole (Kirkland CSC Task Force)  
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)  
Liseli Haines (Clinton resident)  
Marlene Hawkins (Kirkland Resident)

Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton)  
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)  
Ken Eisnor (T. of Westmoreland)  
Cindy DelPiano (NYS Assembly)  
Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)  
Bob Jarrett (Resident)  
Randall Young (NYS DEC)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 by Jon S. Chris B. made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Dave G. second, unanimous approval.

### **Proposed Budget**

The Town of Kirkland passed a \$7,500 budget maximum for the 2023 OCWC contribution. With the current five municipalities contributing, the \$25,000 budget required Kirkland to contribute more than that. Amy H. proposed a \$15,000 budget for 2023. Chris B. made a motion to pass a \$15,000 budget for 2023, Dave G. second, unanimous approval. HOCCP will invoice each municipality.

Amy had spoken with Ken Eisnor with the Town of Westmoreland and gave him a budget breakdown prior to the opening of the meeting. Westmoreland will be joining the OCWC and will contribute to the 2023 budget. Amy will adjust the budget breakdown once we get the Town of Westmoreland signed on to the IMA and prior to invoicing.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The bank account is below its minimum, so is charging a \$5.00 monthly fee. The bank account currently has \$15.00 in it, so it is urgent to get money into the account.

Elizabeth T. has signed on to the bank account. Dave G. stated he would do so as soon as he was able. Motion to pass the report made by Dave G., second by Chris B. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Potential Grant Opportunities**

Oneida County Flood Mitigation Grant: Stream Sediment and Debris Management Plan for Oriskany and Big Creeks.

- Funding for the Watershed Management Plan was not awarded to Oneida County for the OCWC
- The Stream Sediment and Debris Management Plan will replace this study.
- Shaun G. from Ramboll mentioned that a portion of the study fits the format of DEC requirements, making OCWC more eligible for grant funding. Randy Y. agreed.
- Dave G. made a motion to approve moving forward with this grant with a second by Chris B., approved unanimously.

Mohawk River Coalition Grants (through the DEC)

- This grant is due March 3, so we have to move quickly and need a concrete plan to move forward.

- The discussion of increasing fishing access along the creek or conducting an inventory of access points on the entire creek commenced. Amy brought up the Public Fishing Rights and that a large portion of Oriskany Creek has permanent easements by the DEC to fish along the creek, just a lack of access points. Randy Y. confirmed the PFR status. Amy also brought up the Kirkland Trail and creating access points to the creek.
- Chris B. brought up the fishing pier with ADA compliance and walking path taking place in Oriskany as part of a \$20 million project. They are still waiting to hear about funding. Chris also stated that he would assist with locating access points and described one in the Village of Oriskany.
- Shaun G. offered to assist with this saying it will be a quick turnaround and he will not bill the Commission for the work.
- Although no decision was made on a specific project, a motion was made by Chris B. to move forward with the grant application with a second by Dave G. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Rotating the OCWC Meeting Location**

This will create more public engagement from other municipalities within the watershed and hopefully gain more signatures on the IMA. It is hopeful that the public that regularly attends will continue to attend to engage with others in other areas with similar issues. Amy suggested rotating the meeting between 3-4 locations and stated that Kristin had spoken to a Waterville representative and they are willing to host meetings. Whitestown or Westmoreland also would host and Kirkland would still be in the rotation.

The Commission left it to the discretion of the Chairperson and all were in favor of moving the March 16, 2023 meeting to the Village of Waterville.

### **Outreach to Municipalities**

James, the Commissioner of Planning will present with the intent of the presentation having more of an impact coming from the County. Dave G. noted to make clear that it is on behalf of the OCWC.

Amy reviewed the presentation to municipalities. The Commission members stated they would like to view the presentation. Amy will send it to the present Commission members.

### **MS4**

Oneida County updated the MS4 with the DEC. Chris B. mentioned that the highway department and the SCBIC will partner for a training day. Amy asked Dave G./Chris B. to keep the OCWC updated on the MS4 training.

### **Member Reports**

The representative from the Village of Waterville was absent.

Town of Whitestown – No report.

Village of Oriskany – Village bond in support of the OCWC.

Town of Kirkland – Kirkland is moving forward with the St. Mary's Brook Study. They are looking at scopes of work for projects such as rightsizing downstream and capacity upstream.

Village of Clinton – No report

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting date is March 16, 2023, at the Waterville Village Offices at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

