



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2019

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (T. of Whitestown)
Larry Felitto (V. of Yorkville)
Vincent Malagese (V. of Whitesboro)
Mayor Friedlander (V. of Whitesboro)
Kevin Revere (E-911)
Dan Appler (E-911)

Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)
Steve Devan (WP&WQC)
Al Ash (NYS DEC)
Gary Kielar (Resident)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The approval of the January minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Supervisor Kaleta passed on an update by email to Kristin and Dave, which they reported to members. Town of Whitestown signed the final construction contract with Marcellus Construction for Phase 1 today. A pre-construction meeting will take place in the very near future. Mobilization of the site/equipment at Dunham Manor Park will occur over the next few weeks with construction to start in March.

Town of Whitestown is sending an update letter to Dunham Manor residents later this week and an email blast update early next week. It will explain the start date and alternate traffic routes and a general what to expect during the beginning phases. A community-wide meeting is planned for the Spring 2019 to discuss approaches to replanting and landscaping. Residents and business owners are encouraged to keep an eye out for updates on date, time and location.

Channels at CSX Bridge

Members discussed the recent ice jams near the CSX tracks and the effectiveness of the County's Emergency team. Efforts by the County and State were effective in preventing a much worse flood. Kevin R. noted that the culverts on the east side of the pump station are filled with sediment and inquired about how these would be cleared. Chairperson Glenn stated that previously CSX wanted to examine any sediment and debris in the channels then possibly allow

the local fire departments to blast out the channels. The railroad maintenance crews are very busy and not able to address the concern in a timely manner. Members did note that work done near Yorkville was very effective and the channels worked when the ice jams were occurring in January.

Al A. recommended that the members have a plan for any work blow out the channels. The plan should be sent to NYS DEC. There might be concerns to the impact on aquatics if using the chlorinated water from the fire hydrants.

Treasurer's Report

There was no quorum so the treasurer's report was tabled. Kristin reported the Village of New Hartford sent in their yearly contribution to the Commission. Dave will reach out to the Town of New Hartford to see if they will be contributing members of the Commission.

Other Business

Steve Devan gave a brief update on the status of the pump station work and the floods. Unfortunately the generator stopped working during flooding event one and there was damage to the pump station.

Members discussed the previous Department of Labor- National Emergency Grant that was used to clean the creek with temporary laborers several years ago. Kevin R and Dave Glenn said they reached out to the State to see if this was a possibility in the future.

The next meeting date is March 19, 2019.