



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2022

4:30 PM

REMOTE MEETING

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Supervisor Christian (Town of Paris)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)
Sean Hennessey (NYS DOT)
Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)
Celeste Friend (City of Utica)
Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)

Dan Hayes (NYS DEC)
Michael Stadelmaier (Congresswoman Tenney)
Brooke Marino (Assemblyperson Miller)
David Babowicz (OC DPW)
Caroline Realle (OC Legislator)
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Adam Palmer (HOCCPP Staff)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The January 18, 2021 minutes were approved with a motion by Kyle Tritten and a second by Supervisor Christian. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Whitestown Flood Plain Bench Update

Chairperson Glenn stated that Projects 1 & 2 will continue as planned. Waiting for FEMA approvals for the repairs to Project 1 and Project 2 is closed down for winter and once the weather conditions allow will resume work in the spring including plantings and further bench construction. Project 3 has been awarded some of the necessary funding and moving forward. Maggie R. reported that Project 4 is in a holding pattern as design for permitting will need to reflect impacts from the other earlier project phases. .

Maggie R. reported that NRCS appraisals are complete for homes in the Village buy-out program. The next steps are that a letter of intent that will be sent out late March or early April to homeowners with the value that they will be offered. The homeowners will need to decide whether to stay in the program within 30 days of receiving this notice. Once all of the responses are received, Maggie R. will put those who remain in the program on the map and see if there is a contiguous area for the project to move forward.

New Harford Clinton Street Bridge and Rayhill Trail Repairs

Kristin C. stated that the New Hartford Street storm repair project has received tentative FEMA approval and there is ongoing coordination work with different agencies involved on the Clinton

Street Bridge replacement just upstream. Rick S. reported that Oneida County is involved in the project, and that he is waiting to see how the Bridge New York funding will be changed and how it will impact the project's total funding. Rick stated that the Town of New Hartford would be contributing some money towards the project. Maggie R. stated that the project would be receiving Bridge New York funding as well.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported that the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$92,107.59. There is an anticipated bill for survey work for the cross section near the highway garage, which will cost up to \$15,000. This activity will likely be billed sometime in the spring.

Kristin reports that all municipalities have paid their membership fees for 2021.

Upon a motion by Rick S. and a second by Kyle T., the motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Other Business

Member Reports

Chairperson Glenn requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities.

Town of New Hartford

Rick S. reported that concrete culverts were delivered for the Oneida Street Culvert Project along the Town of New Hartford line, and that they will be installed once the weather breaks. Rick S. also reported that the town is moving dirt and clearing brush on the Mud Creek Project, as well as working on getting several permanent easements approved. The Town is looking at options on Higby Road and Arlington Road, including changing old detention basins and researching access to sites.

Kristin C. met with the Town of New Hartford to talk about potential grant opportunities and funding for the spring, as well as to explore the possibility of property acquisitions within the Town.

City of Utica

Stephanie W. reported that she went on a tour along the Utica and New Hartford boundary to view existing conditions and concerns.

Whitesboro

No report

Town of Paris

Supervisor Christian reported that the Town of Paris is in the process of drilling wells for their water system.

Other Business

Chairman Glenn stated that equipment has been mobilized and communications established with the County and NYSDOT ahead of reports for heavy rainfall later in the week. Maggie R. added that an email has been sent to all Town of Whitestown residents indicating that preparations are being made ahead of the rainfall, and a long stick is on standby.

Dan Appler stated that an engineer recommended not breaking any ice in the Sauquoit Creek at this time, and that they would reassess the situation ahead of the rain.

Kristin reported that the SCBIC has been awarded a grant for modeling along 4 or 5 different locations in the Sauquoit Creek. This, in addition to county funding, equals to about \$270,000 in funding for modeling and conceptual designs.

The next meeting date is March 15, 2022 at 4:30 in the Town of New Hartford.