

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2023

4:30 PM

Town of New Hartford Offices
at "The Orchards"
8635 Clinton Street
New Hartford, NY 13413

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Stephane Wurz (City of Utica)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Dan Appler (OC E-911)
Dana Olney (A/M Buttenschon)

Susan Jaquish (NYS Assembly)
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The May 18, 2023 minutes were approved with a motion by Kyle Tritten and a second by Rick Sherman. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update

Maggie R. provided an update on the projects in Whitestown.

Project 1: Construction will begin shortly on the repairs of Project 1 at Dunham Manor Park. BP Excavation is the contractor, and the project should take about 2 months to complete.

Project 3: The NYS EFC GIGP contract should be approved soon. Maggie has been working to provide all the required documentation. The goal is to start the project in late 2024.

Project 2: Sediment has been removed in front of the bridge. Vegetation is being restored that had not yet established before the April storm damage. Additional sediment removal will require a permit from DEC and Ramboll is working with DEC to create a regular maintenance plan for the project area. There needs to be further discussion about who will be the responsible party (i.e., Oneida County/ Whitestown/ Whitesboro) for regular clean out of the flood benches and an IMA needs to be signed by the parties.

NRCS Buy-Out: The program has moved from an easement program to a recovery program with NRCS. This gives the Town more control on the timeline of the program. Maggie R. did report that she has

heard there is incorrect information floating around in the village about the buy-out program with regards to boundary areas. If there are any questions these should go to Maggie. There have not been any changes to the boundary of the program.

Upper Sauquoit Creek Study in New Hartford and Utica

Shaun Gannon with Ramboll engineering did a presentation on the findings of the upper Sauquoit Creek Study in Utica and Washington Mills. Kristin will post the report on the Commission's website.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$101,971.61. There was one bill to pay submitted by Ramboll for \$6,040.00 for the watershed study of the upper portion of the Sauquoit Creek. This is reimbursable by the Oneida County Flood Mitigation grant. Upon a motion by Kyle T. and a second by Rick S., the motion passed to pay \$6,040.00 to Ramboll. Upon a motion by Stephanie W. and a second by Dave G., the motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Other Business

Member Reports

Dave asked members if they would like to pause meetings over the summer in July and August. Unless there is something vital the group needs to meet about, all were in favor of not meeting in the summer.

There were no member reports.

MS4 Coalition

Kristin spoke about MS4 coalition creation efforts.

The next meeting date is September 19, 2023 at 4:30 at the Town of New Hartford Offices. If any pressing need to meet arises, Kristin and Dave will reach out to members to schedule an emergency meeting.

Have a great summer!