

Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission Meeting

c/o Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program
The Boehlert Center at Union Station
321 Main Street ■ Utica, NY ■ 13501

Phone: (315) 798-5710
Fax: (315) 798-5852
planning@ocgov.net

MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2022

4:30 PM

Town of New Hartford Offices
8635 Clinton Street
New Hartford, NY

Present

Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)	Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Mayor Tantillo (V. of Clinton)	Marlene Hawkins (Clinton Resident)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)	Adam Palmer (HOCCPP Staff)
Michael Stadelmaier (Congresswoman Tenney)	Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)	

The meeting was opened at 5:00 PM by Dave Glenn immediately following the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission meeting. The March 15, 2022 minutes were approved with a motion by Dave Glenn and a second by Chris Burtch. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Intermunicipal Agreement Signing – Update Signatory Page

Mayor Elizabeth Tantillo signed the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission (OCWC) on behalf of the Village of Clinton. Adam P. stated that he would make copies of the signed agreement and email the document to each participating community. Adam will also send Mayor Tantillo a draft copy of the Commission bylaws.

Future Commission Meeting Location/Dates Discussion

Dave G. informed Commission members that they will need to decide which regularly occurring day of the week they would like to meet for future Commission meetings.

Commission members discussed several potential dates to hold future Commission meetings starting in June. Mayor Tantillo, Dave G., and Chris B. all reported that they have availability on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30PM beginning in June. Adam P. stated that he would email Commission members who were not available at the meeting to confirm their availability for the third Thursday of each month.

Mayor Tantillo stated that she would be open to hosting future Commission meetings at the Clinton Village Offices.

Appointment of Commission Officers

Dave G. stated that the Commission would need to eventually appoint a Chairperson to facilitate meetings. Dave explained that the Chairperson is a line of communication between the public and the Commission, serves as a liaison between Commission members and HOCCPP staff, and facilitates Commission meetings by generating discussion and sharing updates.

Adoption of Commission Bylaws

Dave G. stated that Commission members would need to establish and approve the Commission by-laws at either the May or June meeting. Adam P. stated that he had sent a copy of the bylaws to the representatives of each municipality that have joined the Commission, and would email a copy to any additional members upon request.

Selection of Official Commission Name

Commission members discussed several possible choices for the official name of the Commission for the Oriskany Creek Watershed. Adam P. stated that this is the name that will be used on official documentation such as on banking information, grant applications, and the Oneida County website.

Upon a motion by Dave G. and a second by Mayor Tantillo, Commission members voted unanimously to designate the official name of the Commission as the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission.

Other Business

Member Reports

Dave G. requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities.

Village of Oriskany

No Report

Town of Whitestown

Dave G. reported that a tree that had previously fallen into the Oriskany Creek in the Town of Whitestown was no longer there.

Village of Clinton

No report

Public Input

Dave G. opened the meeting for input from members of the public.

Marlene Hawkins, a resident from the Village of Clinton, stated that there was sediment erosion and debris buildup along the Oriskany Creek near the intersection of Dwight Avenue and Proctor Avenue. Marlene stated that the conditions along the Creek continue to get worse and that over the years there has been a loss of an estimated 62 feet of land. Marlene added that there is currently an 18-foot drop down into the Oriskany Creek near her property and large trees are currently sitting idle in the water.

Dave G. stated that he will travel to the site that Marlene had identified to view the conditions himself. Mayor Tantillo stated that she will also be joining to view the conditions of Marlene's property, and will coordinate her site visit with Dave G.

Kristin C. stated that the OCWC should consider mapping various locations that are presently areas of concern along the Oriskany Creek Watershed.

The next meeting date is May 17, 2022, at 4:30 PM in the Town of New Hartford.