



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2019

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
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Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (T. of Whitestown)
Larry Felitto (V. of Yorkville)
Vincent Malagese (V. of Whitesboro)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford DPW)
Supervisor Kaleta (T. of Whitestown)
Dan Appler (E-911)

Steve Devan (WP&WQC)
Sherry Hierholzer (NYS DOT)
Al Ash (NYS DEC)
Gary Kielar (Resident)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Upon a motion by Larry Felitto and second by Vincent Malagese, the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Supervisor Kaleta gave a brief update on the status of Phase 1 of the flood bench project on Commercial Drive. The contractor, Marcellus, completed the construction of the access road from Dunham Park to Commercial Drive and installed the temporary bridge. The alternate temporary route will drastically reduce the truck traffic on Hollywood Drive. Additionally, the area around Dunham Manor Park has been cleared of trees/vegetation in the project area and excavation has started. The anticipated completion of this phase is late summer/early fall. Much depends on the weather.

Town of Whitestown will be holding a focus meeting with Dunham Manor residents on April 18, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Park Pavilion. Interested participants can talk about concerns at the park and offer an opinion on the plantings and other features they would like to see in the park.

Channels at CSX Bridge

Supervisor Kaleta gave a brief update on Phase 2 of the flood bench project at the CSX tracks, near the Sauquoit Creek Pimp Station. The largest problem with this phase is the property acquisition and access to the site. There must be a decision as to what entity is the lead on the property acquisition. The design is far along and has been submitted to CSX for their input on the engineering solution. The archeologist consultant needs access to move along with the sampling.

The last issue is filling a gap in required funds for the project. Currently, Phase 2 will use what is left of the EFC-GIGP award but more is necessary to complete all parts unless the Town's HMGP application is soon approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$ 40,866.58. There were no new bills. Upon a motion by Larry Felitto, and second by Tom Hughes, the SCBIC unanimously approved the treasurer's report. Dave will continue to reach out to the Town of New Hartford to see if they will be contributing members of the Commission. They are the only municipality not to contribute in 2018.

Other Business

Al Ash mentioned if the members were aware of some erosion on the banks of the Sauquoit Creek at the Rayhill Trail near the Town of New Hartford Highway Garage. The trail is being undermined and there is a safety issue due to a 10-foot drop to the water.

Gary Kielar asked if anyone knew what was going into the parcel across from Consumer Square across from Barnes and Noble.

Kristin reported to the members that she recently spotted a large beaver den and the active work of the resident beavers building dams in areas along the Rayhill Trail near BOCES on Middle Settlement Road. She spoke with Steve Heerkens at NYS DEC and was told the landowner would need to be found and get a permit for the removal of beavers. BOCES owns the parcel with the beaver den and dam. Kristin provided photos showing the extensive tree cutting and dam that is causing water to soon flow over the recreational trail.

The next meeting date is May 21, 2019.