



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville)
Supervisor Christian (T. of Paris)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Sherman (Town of New Hartford)
Dan Appler (OC ES)
Celeste Friend (Utica Common Council)

Amela Hrustric (Assemblyperson Buttenschon)
Kristina Markey (NYS DEC)
Sherry Hierholzer (NYS Dot)
Maggie Reilly (OBG)
Shaun Gannon (OBG)
Gary Kielar (NH Resident)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian and second by Joe Morosco, the minutes of the June 21, 2020 meeting was approved.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Maggie Reilly provided a brief update of Phase 2 of the flood plain restoration project near the CSX tracks. Maggie R. explained the archeological work is now complete and SHPO provided a determination of “no effect”. She reported that OBG/Ramboll has revised the plans based on DEC’s comments. Once NYS DEC “signs off” that the application is complete then the joint permit with ACOE should be forthcoming. During this time, engineering is working on the bid documents. There are current negotiations with securing final easements. In September, the bid will be let and be ready for construction in November 2020.

Treasurer’s Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission’s bank account is \$ 149,997.29. This includes the grant money deposited for the Whitesboro Drainage Study and member contributions for 2020.

There was one bill to pay for \$6,546.60 to O’Brien and Gere for services pertaining to the drainage study in the Village of Whitesboro residential neighborhood. Upon a motion by Rick Sherman, and second by Joe Morosco members voted to accept the treasurer’s report and payment of the bill submitted by O’Brien and Gere.

Other Business

Stream Maintenance plans

A scope of work from OBG/Ramboll was presented to the members of the Commission after last month's discussion of how to continue the work basin wide using leftover grant funds from the Whitesboro Drainage Study. Shaun Gannon explained the scope of work is a combination of the Resilient NY Plan model and Mohawk River Coalition Sediment and Debris Management plan template. The report will identify source of sediment loads, where there are protection projects, current conditions and linkages to basin wide benefits. The proposed cost of the survey work and analysis is \$45k. Motion by Supervisor Christin and second by Rick Sherman, members voted to direct OBG/Ramboll to start work on the Sauquoit Creek Watershed Sediment and Debris Management Plan.

Member Reports

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

- Rick Sherman mentioned that Town of New Hartford pulled three or four trees out of the creek near Symeons Restaurant on Commercial Drive. He also said the study being done in Wards 1 and 2 is almost complete and presenting to the Town soon.
- Yorkville reported that there is an area near Trinity and Coventry Roads behind the VFW at the CSX tracks that needs cleaning out.
- Kristin report that Assemblyperson Miller called and asked about recent Commission work.
- Chairperson Glenn reported that the press conference held by Congressman Brindisi about FEMA is getting attention. Dave was contacted by the media and said they are keeping the issue at the forefront now that there is document that supports the need for action to address the long-term flooding in the Village of Whitesboro.
- Celeste spoke about issues in her ward in South Utica. There are concerns along Brookline Drive that need to be addressed. She also mentioned the Mayor's press release about work that has been completed around the City of Utica addressing flooding and resiliency efforts. A great list of all the work completed since October so residents can understand there is work on the issue. One idea was that it might be something the Commission members could do as part of the maintenance plan and/or required annual MS4 reporting.

The next meeting date is September 15, 2020 and will be held at the Whitestown Town Offices.