

Sauquoit

Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 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)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Stephane Wurz (City of Utica)
Chris Burtch (OC DPW)
Dan Appler (E-911)

Celeste Friend (City of Utica)
Dana Olney (A/M Buttenschon)
Cindy Del Piano (Assemblyperson Miller)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff- Remote)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The January 17, 2023, minutes were approved with a motion by Kyle Tritten and a second by Tom Hughes. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Whitestown Flood Plain Bench Update

Maggie R. provided updates on Project 3 and the NRCS buyout. Some of the land was donated and some will be purchased for Project 3. One property has been acquired. The Town has funding from a county flood mitigation grant and NYS EFC GIGP to complete Project 3. The Town of Whitestown submitted an application for a Mohawk River Grant for plantings associated with Project 3.

A brief update was provided on the NRCS buy-outs. The appraisal, title commitments and property interviews are complete. NRCS is moving to clear all the titles. Many are not clean and this needs to be completed before sending out the purchase offers. The next step is for contracts to go out to property owners. The hope is to get contracts out in early summer.

MS4 Committee

Kristin explained she has been pulling together bylaws and an IMA to create a Stormwater Coalition. A next step is scheduling a meeting open to all the MS4 communities explaining the purpose and hand out materials that explain what is involved with creating a stormwater coalition and the benefits to members. Communities can bring materials back to their municipal boards to discuss participation. Kyle T mentioned that the updates to the new permit as still under review by NYS DEC. Members are concerned

that they will have to meet new requirements but won't have the time due to the lateness of the updated permit.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$101,971.61. There were two bills submitted by Ramboll for \$22,000 and \$46,750 for the watershed study of the upper portion of the Sauquoit Creek. These both will be reimbursable by the Oneida County Flood Mitigation grant. Upon a motion by Stephanie Wurz and a second by Rick Sherman, the motion passed to pay \$22,000 to Ramboll. Upon a motion by Kyle Tritten and a second by Tom Hughes, the motion passed to pay \$46,750 to Ramboll. Upon a motion by Rick Sherman and a second by Kyle Tritten, the motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Other Business

Member Reports:

New Hartford

Utica and New Hartford are working together on projects and securing easements. Rick reported they are still working on the project near Sangertown Mall. There have been discussions with NYS DEC, Pyramid, Yahnundasis that have taken time and slowed down progress over the past 4 years. Having issues with getting permissions country club right now even though they have approached Town and SCBIC for assistance in the past.

Village of Whitesboro

Kyle reported there is material deposited near the bridge on the Yorkville side. The material deposition runs from the CSX Bridge on the Oneida County pump station side of the Sauquoit Creek to where the access road starts. Maggie said this is being reviewed.

City of Utica

Stephanie W. reported that the City of Utica Stormwater Mitigation Committee met earlier in the month and had Bryan Stratton from the NYS Canal Corp in attendance to discuss their activities to mitigate flooding. A good discussion from all that attended.

Oneida County DPW

Dave B. reported that Oneida County has completed inspection of all their outfalls in accordance with MS4 requirements.

The next meeting date is March 21, 2023 at 4:30 at the Town of Whitestown Offices.