

# Oriskany Creek Watershed Meeting

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## MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2022

5:00 PM

Whitestown Town Offices  
8539 Clark Mills Road  
Whitestown, NY

### Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)  
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)  
Gary Kieler (Resident, T. of New Hartford)  
Robert Rockwell (V. of Clinton)

Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)  
Maggie Reilly - Remote (Ramboll)  
Adam Palmer (HOCCPP Staff)  
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 5:00 pm by Dave Glenn at the conclusion of the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission meeting.

### Municipal Resolutions

Dave Glenn reported that municipal resolutions to join the Oriskany Creek Intermunicipal Commission continue to be solicited. Dave G. stated that municipalities would need to submit a resolution before signing the Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA), but that resolutions are accepted on a rolling basis even after the IMA has been signed, and that there is no cutoff date to submit a resolution.

### Intermunicipal Agreement Signing Update

Dave G. stated that a tentative date in February is being considered for municipalities to sign the Oriskany Creek Intermunicipal Agreement.

Adam P. stated that he would send an update to municipal representatives that submitted resolutions when a date and signing location for the IMA are selected.

### Future Oriskany Creek Watershed Meeting Sites

Dave G. asked attendees if they had a preference as to where the Oriskany Creek Intermunicipal Commission meetings should take place once the IMA is signed.

Chris B. stated that he was happy to have the meetings continue at the Whitestown Town Offices.

Adam P. stated that he would be contacting members directly to discuss potential meeting locations in addition to the Whitestown Town Offices.

Maggie R. reported that the Climate Smart Committee for the Village of Clinton had asked her to give a presentation about the basics of watershed management and standard water-related hazard mitigation strategies. Maggie stated that this presentation might happen in late March or April, but that a date and location have not been decided. Maggie suggested that this presentation could be a scheduled agenda item for one of the first Oriskany Creek Intermunicipal Commission meetings and could take place at a location such as the Kirkland Public Library. Maggie said that she would be happy to present this information to different municipalities if there was interest. Maggie will discuss having the Commission host this presentation to the Climate Smart Committee.

### **Member Reports**

#### Town of Whitestown

Maggie R. reported that three culvert projects on Humphrey Road, in the Town of Whitestown, were approved by FEMA and will be put out to bid this summer. The culverts need to be designed and permits need to be obtained so that they can go to bid.

#### Town of New Hartford

No Report.

#### Village of Clinton

Robert R. reported that most of their issues along the watershed exist on private property, which limits the Village's ability to intervene. Robert R. mentioned that one resident had built a concrete culvert on their property.

#### Village of Oriskany

Chris B. and Dave G. reported that there is a fallen tree in the Oriskany Creek within the Village of Oriskany. Chris B. stated that he does not anticipate it causing any issues to the surrounding area.

The next meeting date is February 15, 2022 at 4:30 pm and will be held via WebEx. Adam Palmer will be sending out the link to the WebEx meeting.