



MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2023, 4:30 PM

Waterville Village Offices 122 Barton Ave Waterville, NY 13480

Present

Chairperson Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)

Rueben Ostrander (V. of Waterville)

Amy Heiderich (HOCCPP Staff)

Alan Cole (Kirkland CSC Task Force)

Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)

Liseli Haines (Clinton resident)

Larry Stern (Waterville Resident)

Steve Bellona (Village of Clinton – CKIC)

Rob Rockwell (V. of Clinton)

Jamie Bechy (V. of Waterville)

Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

John Salka (Representative Brandon Williams)

Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)

Bob Jarrett (Resident)

Randall Young (NYS DEC)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 by Jon S. Rob R. made a motion to approve the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes. Jon S. second, unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

The bank account is below its minimum, so is charging a \$5.00 monthly fee. The bank account currently has \$15.00 in it, so getting money into the account is urgent. Amy H. stated that HOCCPP would invoice each municipality after determining if the Town of Westmoreland will be joining. Their vote was on March 20, 2023, and they voted to join. Invoices will be sent right along.

Oneida County Flood Mitigation Grant: Stream Sediment and Debris Management Plan for Oriskany and Big Creeks.

- The application is in process with Oneida County
- There are leftover Flood Mitigation Grant funds (\$2 million) since the program was not funded in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19.
- There is a process that each application goes through with the Board of Legislators that can take some time, so municipalities are encouraged to get applications into HOCCPP.

Mohawk River Coalition Grants (through the DEC)

- OCWC did not make the application deadline in time. This was in part due to a lack of project focus and project eligibility under their funding structure. Oneida County was also unable to get this on the Board agenda given the grant timeframe.
- OCWC should plan to apply next year for a small project or as a match to a larger grant opportunity.

Trees for Tributaries: Buffer in a Bag Program

- Randy Y informed the group of the types of trees available
- Amy H. informed the group that it will be easiest to plant on municipal land and had to decide at this meeting due to the timing of the grant (Due April 7, 2023)
- Waterville recently planted 383 trees at the wastewater treatment plant and has experienced a lot of loss, but many survived.

- Rob R. suggested the Village of Clinton WWTP since they have experienced 100 feet of bank loss. One potential issue is that they may wash away.
- Motion made by Jon S. and seconded by Rob R. to apply for the 25 trees/shrubs to plant at the Village of Clinton WWTP, no one opposed.

Outreach to Municipalities

Monday, March 20, 2023 – Westmoreland Town Offices at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – Town of Sangerfield Offices at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – Town of Marshall Offices at 7:00 pm

Other Business

Kristin C. explained the Baseline 604b budgeting for water quality and encouraged municipalities to update their zoning maps, and land use laws through this funding source. Kristin C. also stated that Oneida County is reinstating the Water Quality Coordinating Committee to get all watersheds communicating better, coordinating efforts, and regional grant assistance.

MS4

Reporting should be focused on data collection and education. Syracuse has a Stormwater Coalition that handles MS4 reporting. The SCBIC has voted to form one for this area. Kristin C. is working with the Syracuse Coalition to bring the appropriate people to this area for training.

Member Reports

Town of Whitestown – Absent

Village of Waterville – Big Creek – the 2019 flood caused erosion, so the Village moved the stream to save four homes. The Village realizes that upstream needs to be fixed in coordination with issues downstream. Due to the elevation difference, they are working on grade control on Route 12 near Deansboro. There is a need for dam removal due to erosion and are looking for some Oneida County funding for this and debris removal, which will result from the upcoming study. Waterville is also working with Rep. William’s Office and John Salka in applying for \$1 million in Community Project Funding for their flooding issues. The Village of Waterville requested a letter of support from the OCWC. Rueben O. made a motion to sign, Jon S. seconded the motion, and no one was opposed. John S. mentioned that Rep. William’s Office is making infrastructure and flood mitigation a high priority.

Village of Oriskany – Absent

Town of Kirkland – There is a draft of the final St. Mary’s Brook Study. The Town is trying to move forward on Norton Ave. with the addition of culverts instead of replacing the bridge. Sherman Brook Public Engagement Session had a good turnout. Alyssa will share comments with the OCWC. Shaun G. pointed out the next steps in the study of listing alternatives that fit with what the community wants. The next public engagement meeting should be in May. Shaun G. commented to Bob J. that the fieldwork is complete.

Village of Clinton – No report

Next Meeting

The next meeting date is April 20, 2023, at the Westmoreland Town Offices, 100 Station Road, at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

