



# Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**July 21, 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)  
Mayor Friedlander (V. of Whitesboro)  
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)  
Carolyn McAleeie (Assemblyperson  
Buttenschon)

Kristina Markey (NYS DEC)  
Maggie Reilly (OBG)  
Shaun Gannon (OBG)  
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Upon a motion by Rick Sherman and second by Joe Morosco, the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting was approved.

### **Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project**

Maggie Reilly and Chairperson Glenn gave 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 waiting for the final permits. Anticipate that the project can go out to bid in early fall with bids due in October and weather permitting work to begin in November. The placement of the additional culverts under the CSX tracks will be the first work to start on the project. It is anticipated that the entire project will take a year to complete including plantings.

### **October Flooding Recovery**

Chairperson Glenn asked if any of the members had questions about the release of the drainage study that was completed in Whitesboro that examined the October 31, 2019 flood. Mayor Friedlander said he was very impressed by the study of the storm in the residential portion of the village and in his opinion one of the most extensive reports done to date. He would like to have OBG come to a Village Board meeting soon and present the information for other board members and residents. With some funds left from this grant, OBG also offered to look at another other locations to in the basin to do some analysis.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$ 176,624.63. This includes the grant money deposited for the Whitesboro Drainage Study and member contributions for 2020. Three more contributions were deposited today will be reflected in the next treasurer's report.

There was one bill to pay for \$33,507.60 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 Mayor Friedlander members voted to accept the treasurer's report and payment of the bill submitted by O'Brien and Gere.

## **Other Business**

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 Chadwicks.
- Rick, Dave, Kristin and Mayor Friedlander also mentioned they had been contacted about trees down near Symeon's on Commercial Drive near the construction access road. There was discussion about maybe doing some kind of point of contact for this rather than multiple people being contacted and adding to confusion.
- Shaun G. asked that if members knew of any available trees with root balls intact to let him or Whitestown know for the Phase 2 of the bench project in Whitesboro. About 40 trees will be necessary during construction. Rick S coordinated with the City of Utica and Whitestown to get 6 large trees earlier in the month. This type of coordination is a benefit to all members.

The next meeting date is August 18, 2020 and will be held at the Whitestown Town Offices.