



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2017

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (Whitesboro)
Larry Felitto (Yorkville)
James Christian (Supervisor Paris)
Joe Cirusuolo (Whitestown)
Bob Frieland (Whitesboro)
Vincent Malagese (Whitesboro)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)
Sherry Hierholzer (NYS DOT)

Dave Babowicz (OCDPW)
Steve Devan (WP&WQC)
Katherine M. Czajkowski (NYS DEC)
John Stemen (Assemblyman Brindisi)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)
Al Swierczek (public)
Gary Manzer (Homeowner)
Karen Hughes (Homeowner)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The minutes of the August 15, meeting were approved with a correction to add Dave Babowicz to the list of present. Motion by Supervisor Christian and a second by Larry Felitto.

Discussion of the recent flooding on July 1, 2017

The week after the flooding, Oneida County announced \$2 million to fund long term flood resiliency projects and \$500,000 for emergency flood repairs. Municipalities should put together a list of projects that would not be FEMA covered Think about anything that was not FEMA covered. The Oneida County money will have a 50/50 match that can be in-kind services or other grant money from the State or Federal sources. Letters went out to municipalities last week requesting projects and to call Oneida County Soil and Water for an application.

Project Updates

Paris Box Culverts

The project, as designed, received bids that were almost \$50,000 over budget. The SCBIC has \$200k from the Oneida County flood migration funds and DASNY money. Engineering and project cost are over the estimates by \$48k. The school site will be removed and reduce the cost by \$33,200. Commission fund balance will cover the rest of the overage but drain the bank account. Paris reported that the file for the project went to financial review at DASNY and requested more information which he will go over with Kristin tomorrow.

Paris Highway Garage

Supervisor Christian reported the project is complete. Kristin will ask Jo-Anne at OC Soil and Water for pictures.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Joe C. reported that there is a Town Board meeting tomorrow and will forward any updates on the status.

Governor's funding

Stream Maintenance plans and funds

There is still discussion at DEC on how the funds will be used. During a meeting in the beginning of the month, the topic of the General Permit for Stream Maintenance was raised as a tool way to prioritize and coordinate their regular routine maintenance. HOCCPP can help with any maps needed to submit with the permit. There should be a meeting with DEC maybe to start the planning. It had been discussed a few years ago as being based on the permit for Fulmer, Moyer, and Steele Creeks in Herkimer County.

Whitestown Gravel Bar

Meeting was held on Sept 6th at the State Office Building to discuss coordination and expectations on the removal of the gravel bar on Commercial Drive in the Town of Whitestown. The 6 foot high by approximately 200 yards in length deposit is located behind the car dealerships on the Sauquoit Creek. NY DEC is looking to see if the removal is hydraulically necessary. This location is within the study area in Whitestown that was funded by the governor to restore flood benches. Any work should be undertaken only if necessary as not to duplicate or add a hindrance to the larger project area.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is currently \$ **138,988.45**. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian, and second by Joe Cirsuolo, the SCBIC unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

The balance reflects payments by NY Mills and Yorkville. Paris, Village of New Hartford, Whitestown and Whitesboro were received after the bank statement and will be reflected in the next statement.

Other Business

Auto business on Commercial Drive in New Hartford: Another site plan was received in the Town of New Hartford for an auto-related business on NYS 5a. In 2013, a drive-thru restaurant was proposed and withdrawn. In light of recent flooding, the SCBIC discussed further development on the corridor and recommended avoiding development in the 100 year flood plain. A letter will be sent to the Town with this comment. Upon a motion by Larry Felitto, and second by Joe Cirsuolo, the SCBIC unanimously approved to send a letter recommending no further development in the 100 year flood plain.

Whitesboro Storm sewer pipe: Kristin sent in a LOI to FEMA for rightsizing of stormwater pipe from Main Street Bridge all the way to Dunham Library. The LOI was accepted and need to quickly put together an application for the due date of October 16 to FEMA's e-grants system. This will include plans/specs stamped by an engineer to upload into the system. It will not be done unless assistance from Whitesboro in getting damage numbers.

Training: HOCCPP is hosting a conference at the thINCubator located at 326 Broad Street on November 2, 2017 from 5-8pm. Speakers will be from the NYS DOS and DEC to discuss the role of PBs and ZBAs in stormwater decision making.

Public Comments:

Chairperson Glenn opened the floor to comments from the public. There was an animated discussion of recent storm events and public perception of what needs to be done to help flood victims. The audience commented that there have been repeated storm events that have caused flooding in 2011, 2013 and 2017.

The next meeting date is October 17, 2017 at the Whitestown Town Building located at 8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro.