



MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2022 4:30 PM

Village of Clinton Offices
1 North Park Row
Clinton, NY 13323

Present

Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)	Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)	Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton)
Ruben Ostrander (V. of Waterville)	Randall Young (NYS DEC)
Quinn Pratico (NYS Assembly)	Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)	Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)	Amy Heiderich (HOCCPP Staff)
Terry Gilbert (NYS Assemblywoman Buttenschon)	Robert Rockwell (V. of Clinton)
Alan Cole (Kirkland CSC)	Kathy Czajkowski (Mohawk River Basin Program)
Janice and Peter Atkinson (Oriskany Creek)	Marlene Hawking (V. of Clinton)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 PM by Jon Scott. The June 16, 2022, meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Chris Burtch and a second by Elizabeth Tantillo. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Water 101 Presentation held July 20, 2022

- Lower attendance than we had hoped, a discussion of possibly doing the presentation again in the fall and all agreed it would be good to do another one since it is so informative. Date TBD.
- Elizabeth T. discussed some positive aspects of presentation – photos of what has been completed in the Sauquoit Creek Basin, flood plain and bench education and gaining a better understanding of permitting through Randy Young at the DEC.

Follow-up Presentation by Ramboll

- Shaun Gannon will hold on September 15 during the regular OCWC meeting since we will be discussing more specific projects relating to the Oriskany Creek and its tributaries.

Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission Website

- Amy H. gave an overview of the content that she had written up already, following the Sauquoit Creek Basin's website

- Jon S. Suggested setting up an email contact list on the site so people with specific issues are able to contact their representative directly. Amy H. will add.
- Discussion of ongoing IT issues and Oneida County updating all their web pages. OCWC will get the website up and running regardless.
- Request for pictures to be added to the website

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program – Watershed Management Plan funding

- Amy H. explained the process and the amount of funding (\$75,000 from the Dept. of State & \$25,000 from Oneida County’s Flood Mitigation funds) that we are trying to obtain
- Oneida County is applying on behalf of the OCWC
- The application was in process and was submitted through the CFA portal on July 26, 2022.
- This is the next step in identifying necessary projects for flood mitigation through the final product of mapping, analysis and public participation.
- If the application is denied, the next place to look for funding is through Oneida County’s Flood Mitigation funding and municipality contributions.
 - o Discussion after meeting of the priority to get a bank account set up.
 - o Federal tax ID number is needed first, then all signatories must get to Adirondack Bank to set up the account.

Member Reports

Town of Kirkland:

- St. Mary’s Watershed has an issue of culvert downsizing by residents, but they are on private property so would require easements – two property owners plus NYSDOT.
- Have to look at what is downstream, how any changes will impact downstream
- Several people have seen land use changes including unpermitted tree removal, the creek being impeded by stone so that heavy equipment could pass over creek.
 - o Trees created the best berm for the land
- Public also requested that 12B be looked at
- Randall Y. (DEC) commented that if the water is Class C (no trout) then the DEC does not regulate, and it is easier to obtain a permit.
- Jon S. stated that the town has a law in place for the stone blocking the creek and that Codes can enforce in addition to clearing trees without a permit.
- The retention pond at Hannaford/CVS isn’t being maintained
 - o Shaun G. stated that the basin only holds the difference between water for parking lot run-off and will not prevent flooding even if restored.
 - o Public or Oneida County would have to dig up old records to see if any flood prevention language was in the building design.
 - o Shaun G. stated that pipes were rightsized when installed, but there has been a 70% increase in rainfall and increased storm intensity
- Randy Y. (DEC) stated all projects should work at lowest point and move upstream.

Village of Clinton, Town of Whitestown, Village of Oriskany, Village of Waterville – no reports.

OCWC Attend Town Board Meetings

- The winter would probably be best for these after we get a few meetings completed.
- 15-minute presentation about the OCWC and possible projects to town board and public to increase engagement.

The next meeting date is August 18, 2022, at 4:30 PM in the Village of Clinton Offices.

