



# Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021

4:30 PM

Remote meeting

### Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whites town)  
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)  
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)  
Supervisor Christian (T. of Paris)  
Joe Morosco (V. of Yorkville)  
Kristina Markey (NYS DEC)

Sean Hennessey (NYS DOT)  
James Genovese (OC Planning)  
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)  
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)  
Tennille Knopp (Assemblyperson Buttenschon)  
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The April 20, 2021 minutes were approved with a motion by Supervisor Christian and a second by Rick Sherman. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

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

Maggie Reilly provided a brief update on Project 2 near the CSX Bridge. The contractor, CCI Company, is waiting for a MWBE waiver from the funding agency. Once the waiver is secured, it is anticipated that work will begin within 2 weeks. The first step is to mobilize equipment to the site, site preparation work and then begin the jack & bore under the tracks. The contractor will coordinate construction activities with CSX as they will be providing flaggers.

Project 3 for the three benches behind Commercial Drive is being designed by the engineer. FEMA/NYS DHSES has allowed for an extension of the grant. Project 1 repairs at Dunham Manor Park are being reviewed by NYS DEC. DEC likes the conceptual preliminary design and are working out how to permit the changes to the project since the originally permitted work has changed due to flood repairs.

Maggie provided a brief update on other grants and projects concerning the Sauquoit Creek. The Town of Whites town is close to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with USDA NRCS for the property buy-out program. Once the MOU is signed then the Town can put out an RFP for proposals from appraisers. A pre-application has been prepared for a NY Bridge grant to replace the Main Street Bridge. Supervisor Kaleta is working on a newsletter progress report on the projects to update the community.

## **Sediment and Debris Management Plan**

The draft sediment and debris management plan was sent last month to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and voting members of the Commission for review and comments. Comments from NYS DEC will be coming this week to Ramboll so they can incorporate into the Final Draft that is to be presented to the Commission. At the June meeting, members will finalize the details on the how/when/where of the presentation.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$92,853.09. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian and a second by Rick Sherman, the motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

## **Other Business**

Maggie and Shaun mentioned that the 2021 Round of the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) was announced last week. There are opportunities for water and flooding project funding. Communities should look at not only large but projects that can be broken into sections and done with smaller contracts. One project brought up was in NY Mills near the park. Dave and Kristin will reach out to the mayor to see if there is interested.

### *Member Reports*

Chairperson Glenn requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities.

### Town of New Hartford

Rick S. reported that the Town did not receive approval for two grants in Chadwicks from NYS. The Town did bond for the match. Kristin and Maggie reported that the Town could reach out to EFC and go over what the weaknesses were in the application and resubmit in the current round.

The Mud Creek detention project on Middlesettlement Road went out to bid and they came in high. Town is looking to reexamine the budget and see if there are places the Town can do some of the work themselves to bring down the costs.

The vacant church on Oneida Street in Chadwicks is for sale again. Town has a NRCS EWP grant to do some repairs to the banks however, the owner actually added some large stone/riprap. NYS DEC approved the work completed so no need for the Town to work with NRCS.

### Village of Yorkville

Joe M said he noticed flags marking the utility lines for sewer project.

### Oriskany Creek

Chairperson Glenn reported some updates on the Oriskany Creek. He had reached out to the State and they sent NYS DOT crews to locate the tree down in the creek on Rte. 69. There was confusion about the location that has now been clarified and DOT will be sending down equipment to remove the tree.

Dave also reported that he had a remote meeting with Oriskany Creek Watershed communities last week. He and Kristin spoke with the members about organization and benefits of working together. Some communities might attend SCBIC meetings to learn about how we work and types of activities we are involved in to “fix” the creek.

The next meeting date is June 15, 2021 and will be held in person at the Town of Whitestown offices on Clark Mills Road.