



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2016

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (V. of Whitesboro)
Larry Felitto (V. of Yorkville)
Shaun Kaleta (Whitestown Supervisor)
Bob Frieland (V. of Whitesboro)
Vincent Malagese (V. of Whitesboro)

Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)
Peggy Rodriguez (NY Governors Office)
Al Ash (NYS DEC)
Al Swierczek (Engineer)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the minutes from the January meeting was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Oneida County Flood Mitigation Funds Progress report

Al Swierczek reported that in the Town of Paris he will need to get easements from property owners for the stabilization that is outside the Town ROW near the bridges and culverts. Al will follow up with Jim Canaguier about the easements.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Other Business

- Peggy Rodriguez was introduced to the group. She is taking over Matt Pennello's role as the Governor's Regional Representative. Matt is moving on to the Executive Chamber of the Governor's Office.
- *ESD Funds Update*: ESD's audit asked for two more documents this past week. Supposedly close to the end.
- *NYS DEC land owner meeting*:
The meeting purpose was to discuss flood mitigation concepts based on the study drafted by MMI for NYS DOT and DEC and gather land owner interest. The study area discussed at the meeting was between the Commercial Drive Bridge at Symeon's to Main

Street Bridge in Whitesboro. The study suggests increasing the width of the stream and reestablishing the flood plain to allow stormwater a place to go in melting or rain events.

The meeting discussion included the thoughts of property owners along this stretch of the creek to gauge interest and getting any property owner interest. The Whitesboro Village trustees who attended the meeting were concerned about yet another study being completed, no funding sources to implement the plan and nothing will be accomplished. One trustee had expected this to be a Commission meeting and was confused with who was proposing the work. There was additional discussion of how the MMI plan fits into the Community Rising Plans and the funding announced in the summer of 2015 by the Governor. Question how this fits into the CRZ funds that were announced last year at the Dunham Park and is that now on hold?

Members raised issues about the sewer lines in the area. In particular, there is a sewer line that runs through and along this portion of the Sauquoit Creek. Water Pollution and Water Quality Control should be included early in this discussion to see if the schematic shown in the MMI plan is even feasible. Members have discussed the bridge at Oriskany Boulevard and the constraints of the historic canal structure.

Dave and members discussed sending a letter to Judy Drabicki in Watertown. The Commission members have a relationship in the local communities and can be useful with communication with any land owners who are interested or have questions about the potential plans.

The next meeting date needs to be scheduled as March 15, 2016 is village elections. Dave will work on a date for the meeting in March that will be held at the Whitestown Town Building located at 8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro.