



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2017

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (V. of Whitesboro)
Joe Cirusuolo (Whitestown)
James Christian (Paris)
Tim Hughes (V. New Hartford)
Bob Frieland (Whitesboro)
Al Ash (NYSDEC)
Roger Cleveland (Citizen)

Gary Kielar (Citizen)
Josiah Stevens (Citizen)
Al Swierczek (Citizen)
Shaun Gannon (OB&G)
Jane Dourdass (OB&G)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Tim Hughes and a second by Joe Cirusuolo.

Oneida County Flood Mitigation Funds Progress report

Paris Box Culverts

Of the four permits that were submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers for the Paris Box culvert project, two have now been approved and two more should be along the way soon. The approved locations are Tuckers Brook and near the Sauquoit High school.

Supervisor Christian said that the paperwork for the DASNY money has been moving along.

The Commission would like to go out to bid on the two projects with permits and two with soon to be secured permits. Upon a motion by Joe Cirusuolo, and second by Supervisor Christian, the SCBIC unanimously approved going out to bid on the projects contingent of getting the 2 final permits.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Shaun Gannon from O'Brien and Gere attended and reported on the progress of the design study. At this time, there are four conceptual layouts for the flood plain restoration project. Land owners, wetland delineation etc. will be used to finalize the design to get the flood plain back to

its natural bench. Jane Dourdass attended from OB&G to explain the recreational amenities that will be incorporated into the plan. There is the potential to include a trail from the school connection to Dunham Park. The area to the west of the Sauquoit Creek has a mixture of private and public ownership. And will connect well into the existing recreational trails in Whitestown and further the goals of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Paris Highway Garage

Kristin received a copy of the design and project description from Jo-Anne Humphreys at OC Soil and Water. The design was done in conjunction with Gian at US Fish & Wildlife. The project is anticipated to start in July with a 3-4 week construction window. Supervisor Christian said this project is taking longer to complete the required DASNY paperwork.

Discussion of Whitestown Board Letter

Whitestown Supervisor Kaleta provided a letter to the Commission for members to review and vote on sending out to elected officials and interested parties discussing the benefit of the SCBIC and how the loss would be detrimental to local flood recovery and resiliency efforts. The members read the letter, some details were added and approved the subject of the letter. Kristin will send the updates to Supervisor Kaleta.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is currently \$ 145,397.36. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian, and second by Tim Hughes, the SCBIC unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

Other Business

- **CSX tracks at Yorkville**
Kristin and Dave are still trying to set up the meeting at the tracks with Halsey Brown. Just before the meeting, Steve Devan asked if the new sleeves under the tracks were going to be cleared soon as his contractor is ready to do work at the pump station and worries about flooding.
- **Consolidated Funding Application :**
Jo-Anne from OC S&W said to send her any potential projects that the Commission would like to be done on the Sauquoit Creek and the grant writer for the Mohawk River Watershed Coalition can include in their application. Projects should relate to the NY Rising Plan such as retrofitting infrastructure and stormwater improvements. Members told to get any ideas to Kristin by the end of next week.

The next meeting date is July 18, 2017 at the Whitestown Town Building located at 8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro.