



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2018

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (V. of Whitesboro)
Supervisor Christian (T. of Paris)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Sal Granato (T. of Whitestown)
Supervisor Kaleta (T. of Whitestown)
Vincent Malagese (V. of Whitesboro)

Bob Frielander (V. of Whitesboro)
Carol Gowans (V. of Whitesboro)
Dan Appler (OC E-911)
Steve Devan (OC WQ&WPC)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Upon a motion by Vincent Malagese and second by Supervisor Christian, the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Chairperson Glenn reminded members that there will be a public information session today at 6:30 p.m., at the Whitesboro Fire Department, to update residents on the channel and floodplain restoration project, its progress and to answer questions. There will be representatives from the Town of Whitestown, Village of Whitesboro, O'Brien & Gere, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and other local, county and state officials.

There was a brief status update on the bench project and discussion on how the project boundaries have expanded. Both the Town of Whitestown and Oneida County are working on grant administration which is necessary before the project starts. The first location that will be started in the fall is at the top of the project area at Dunham Park since this is public land and easements were not needed.

Sal G. updated the group on the debris and gravel bar at Dunham Manor Park. A tree was removed at this location and there are continuing conversations with DEC on a stream disturbance permit to remove some of the gravel bar. The land owner has given the Town of Whitestown permission to access for removing the gravel bar/debris in the area. Some work was started but equipment had to be moved to paving projects so the Town does not get behind in their summer projects.

Project List Updates

Kristin explained it was important to have a matrix with projects because often funding opportunities are announced with a short deadline and there is a scramble to get information to the funding agencies.

Members were reminded to get in projects to the Oneida County Flood Mitigation grant program with a rolling deadline and also the NYS CFA which has a deadline of July 27th. Dave Glenn reported that the Village is working with an engineer to put together a design for the storm sewer rightsizing in the village that will connect and expand a previously funded County project.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$ 27,803.58. There were no new bills. Upon a motion by Supervisor Kaleta, and second by Larry Felitto the SCBIC unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

Other Business

Members were asked for updates in their communities.

- Paris has received an application to the Planning Board for a diesel repair shop to be located on NYS Rte. 8 and Latus Road. There are concerns as there was a bank stabilization project and conservation easement adjacent to the parcel. NYS DOT and DEC should be notified for concerns. As a note, there is a well head protection area for the Village of Clayville's water supply nearby.
- Yorkville is still waiting for CSX to come and clear out near Bruno's Way.
- Mayor Friedlander reported that he spoke with Todd Phillips at NYS DEC about work that can be done in and around waterways. He has a letter (that he will forward to Kristin) that explains the do's and don'ts about stream maintenance. He is looking at 10-12 trees being removed. The Mayor has also authorized overtime for his DPW to do some cleanup work one Saturday in the creek. He encourages other municipalities to do the same.
- Rick S. reported the Town of New Hartford is in discussion with an engineer/developer to expand the apartments at Hillside Gardens. He also reported about the Town's plan to set up a stormwater utility district. There will be a public meeting coming up soon about the three stormwater districts that will provide funds for projects to address stormwater.
- Supervisor Christian in Paris reported he was contacted by Assemblyperson Miller about designating the Sauquoit Creek a local waterfront. He has not heard anything new.
- Steve Devan updated the group on the progress on the pump station. Generator is online and can power 3 pumps.

- There was a brief discussion by the Commission members on a proposed automobile dealership within the project area of the flood plain restoration and bank stabilization project on Commercial Drive. Town of Whitestown went to the site with the engineer and landowner to talk about options. The discussion was very helpful and the Town is working with the applicant to make sure concerns about stormwater impacts are addressed in the project area.

The next meeting date is July 17,2018 at the Whitestown Town Building located at 8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro.