



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2015

4:30 PM

Village of New York Mills, Village Offices
1 Maple Street
New York Mills NY

Present

Rick Sherman (T of New Hartford)
Chuck Gibbs (T. of Whitestown)
Larry Felitto (V. of Yorkville)
Dave Corr (Trout Unlimited)
Al Swierczek (V. of NY Mills Engineer)
Kevin Revere (OC Emergency Services)

Steve Devan (WP&WQC)
Dave Glenn, Chair (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Flisnik (OC Legislator)
Al Ash (NYS DEC)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:35 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Upon a motion by Chuck Gibbs, and second by Larry Felitto, the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting were approved. Upon a motion by Chuck Gibbs, and second by Larry Felitto, the minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting were approved. Upon a motion by Chuck Gibbs, and second by Rick Sherman, the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting were approved. Upon a motion by Rick Sherman, and second by Larry Felitto, the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were approved. Upon a motion by Rick Sherman, and second by Larry Felitto, the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved. Upon a motion by Rick Sherman, and second by Larry Felitto, the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were approved.

Palmers Creek Project, Oneida Street, Town of New Hartford

Work has been completed on this project. Dave reported that the land owner has some concerns about his parking lot after construction along with concerns about the edge of the lot near the creek being open. Dave is setting up a meeting with the Town of New Hartford, engineer, contractor and property owner to discuss actions that can be taken to fix his issues with the lot and safety. Some possibilities involve a concrete bumper or installation of some pine trees along the bank.

A bill was sent by the contractor. Kristin reported that she is in contact with OC Soil and Water for the share of the project cost. The Commission can come up with their share and the Town can be informed of the load amount.

2015 Project Planning

Chairperson Glenn asked the members if they had any projects in their municipality that they would like to add to the agenda for the coming year. No one had anything to add to projects discussed at previous meetings.

There was further discussion about the Gingerbread House property on Oneida Street in Washington Mills. The land owner has recently contacted Chairperson Glenn again looking for any funds to fix the erosion on his property. Dave explained the project will be well beyond the budget of the SCBIC but we have added it to a potential project list. While State and Federal Officials had been contacted about the erosion issues and threat to the business, none offered enough money to complete the large stabilization project.

Rick mentioned the repeatedly flooded properties on Bleachery Ave in Chadwicks. The Governor's Office had indicated they would be acquiring the houses and mobile homes but so far nothing new to report on the status.

Treasurers Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$49,930.54. Upon a motion by Larry Felitto, and second by Chuck Gibbs the SCBIC unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

Other Business

Article 15 permit for gravel bar removal and maintenance

The members would like to look at getting an article 15 permit in 2015 to do some removal of gravel in several locations on the lower parts of the creek including the Main Street Bridge in Whitesboro, Sauquoit Creek Pump Station, Whitestown and NY Mills. Any permit will be different from the permit the group has historically used as it will be more defined in areas to have work completed.

Kristin will contact DEC once we create a map showing locations that the Commission would like to remove material. She will bring a map to the next meeting and submit the permit to DEC once the paperwork is complete.

Washington Mills Athletic Park

Dave Corr updated the group on the status of the reconstruction of the fishing pier and bank stabilization at the Washington Mills Athletic Park. The project is larger and Trout Unlimited has received additional money from NYS DOT to assist in the project. The Commission is still committed to adding \$2k to the project along with the Town of New Hartford Parks Department allocating \$10k in addition to in-kind work from US Fish and Wildlife staff.

Rayhill Trail

Rick reported that the Rayhill Trail extension work is going out for bid this month.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5:25 pm. Members noted that the Association of Towns meeting is the week of our regular meeting in February. The group agreed to meet the following Tuesday. The next meeting date is **February 24, 2015** at 4:30 pm.