



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2018

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (V. of Whitesboro)
Larry Felitto (Yorkville)
Vincent Malagese (V. of Whitesboro)
Mayor Friedlander (V. of Whitesboro)
Supervisor Christian (T. of Paris)
Dan Appler (E-911)

Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)
Al Ash (NYS DEC)
Kathy Czajkowski (Mohawk River Basin
Program)
Gary Kielar (resident)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian and second by Tom Hughes, the minutes of the October 16 and November 20, 2018 meetings were approved.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Kristin provided an update on the current status of the flood bench project. The Town has reviewed the bids and are working to make the award announcement. There are questions to be answered with regards to the temporary bridge including an easement from a land owner and the permits from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Once these items are sorted out then the bid can be awarded. The goal is to start work after the new year.

Channels at CSX Bridge

Kristin provided a short update on the design of options being funded by NYS at the CSX bridge over the Sauquoit Creek. There are 2 potential project phases: a flood bench and the culverts. Currently, a 30% conceptual design is ready for review with 60% soon to be approved. There have been some access issues with the land owner that make some of the design work difficult with regards to wetland delineation and archeological review. These are still being discussed. The Town has started the SEQRA review on the project so the project moves forward.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$ 40,051.83. There were no new bills. Upon a motion by Larry Felitto, and second by Supervisor Christian the SCBIC unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

Other Business

Community Updates

Chairperson Glenn asked members to give updates about their community.

- Town of Paris asked about the Notice of Claim against the Basin communities by the Mauro Family. Supervisor Christian reported that his insurance rates for the Town were put in a new bracket because of the claim. These types of claims can have a negative financial impact on communities even if the cases never go to court.
- Village of New Hartford inquired about the trees cut down in the creek on the Utica side. Chairperson Glenn responded that it was done by a contractor of National Grid. He was told that they were looking into the situation as it would be harmful for those trees to be sent downstream and get caught under a constrictor point.

2019 Chairperson election

- Larry Felitto spoke to nominate Dave Glenn as chairperson in 2019. With little no dissent, all agreed that Dave Glenn has done a great job as chairperson and would like to see him continue his role in 2019. A motion to reappoint Dave Glenn as chairperson of the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission in 2019 was made by Supervisor Christian and a second by Vince Malagese. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting date is January 15, 2019.