

MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2026

3:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices

8539 Clark Mills Road

Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)

Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville)

Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)

Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)

Stephanie Wurz (C. of Utica)

Nicole Bourgeois (OC WPC)

Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)

Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)

Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP Staff)

JP Dillon (HOCCPP Staff)

Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 3:35 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The March 2026 minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Kyle T. and second by Joesph M.

New Grant Opportunities

Kristin C. discussed two grant opportunities. The FEMA BRIC grant is being re-released and will be accepting applications. The NOFO was sent out along with the meeting invite. The federal share is 75% with a 25% local match. Applications are due May 22, 2026 in the FEMA GO portal. The priority is shovel-ready projects.

The second grant opportunity is for NYS DEC Resilient Watershed Grant, due June 26th. The State share is 90% with a 10% local match. The projects must be mentioned within a Resilient NY report, which includes the Sauquoit Creek Sediment and Debris Management Plan, the Sauquoit Creek and Mud Creek Emergency Transportation Plans by MMI, Upper Sauquoit Creek Flood Study, and the Upper Sauquoit Creek Study.

There was discussion about projects that would be eligible for either of the grants include: Brookline Drive in Utica, Gingerbread House (Oneida Street), Bleachery Avenue in New Hartford, and the Clinton Street bridge.

Update on the H&H Modeling Grant

Alyssa F. provided an update on the modeling of Pietryka Park and Washinton Mills. Ramboll has contracted a surveyor who will give them data by the middle of May. Alyssa and Nicole D. will also be going out into the field next week.

Current Projects

Engineers are responding to the final comments on the Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration Project 3 from NYS DEC. There was no update on Project 4 (AKA Wadas Bench) in Whitestown as they are waiting for funding opportunities. The Town of Whitestown has purchased 42 homes to date with the USDA NRCS Buyout Program. Ten additional homes more have been approved by the Town Board to be purchased will be closing in May 2026.

There were no updates on NYS Route 69 and Main Street Bridge replacement projects; they are still in design. Any current activity in the area is an ongoing planned project by National Grid.

The Highway Garage & Rayhill Trail Repairs has been out to bid and the project is underway. Kristin C. said she received a call from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) coming out to do a tour of the projects completed along Sauquoit Creek in Whitestown and New Hartford. Drone footage is being collection to be compiled with footage from 2013, 2017, 2019, and 2023 to show the progress of the projects over the past decade.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$163,467.39. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kyle T. and second by Stephanie W., with the motion passing unanimously.

Member Reports

Stephanie W. confirmed that Utica will resubmit the Brookline Drive project for the Resilient Watershed Grant.

Chairperson Dave G. mentioned a possible project at Coventry and Bayliss Avenues in Yorkville. Inlets must be cleaned underneath the railroad bridge.

Other Business

The next regular meeting date is **May 19, 2026 at 3:30pm** at the Whitestown Town Offices.