



MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 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)

Don Bathke (V. of New Hartford)

Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)

Stephanie Wurz (C. of Utica)

Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)

Nicole Del Monaco (Ramboll)

Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP Staff)

JP Dillon (HOCCPP Staff)

Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 3:31 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The May 19, 2026 minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Tom H. and second by Kyle T.

H&H Modeling Grant Update

Alyssa F. and Nicole D. from Ramboll engineering provided an update on the H&H modeling of Pietryka Park, NY Mills and Oneida Street/Kellog Road, Washinton Mills. There was a presentation on potential mitigation strategies for each location and their benefits in flood reduction. Elements included floodplain benches, and an upstream berm along New Hartford Steet for the Pietryka Park location and removal of creek constrictions and channel widening along Oneida Street along with potential trail access to the creek. The ROM cost for Oneida Street was estimated to be around \$5 million.

Kristin C. mentioned the Town of New Hartford applied for the NYS Resilient Watershed Grant for a project on Oneida Street using this study, as well as the Washington Mills Athletic Park and Bleachery Avenue.

Current Projects

There were no updates on Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration Project 3 and 4 and the Route 69 and Main Street Bridge replacement projects.

Chairperson Dave G. said eight more houses were purchased by the Town of Whitestown as part of the NRCS Buyouts. Over 70 houses have now been closed on by the Town. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for demolition of the homes has been advertised, and will soon be awarded.

Kristin C. discussed the Highway Garage & Rayhill Trail Repairs in the Town of New Hartford. The FEMA grant for bank restoration is on hold as FEMA has changed their decision on the funding.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$76,338.60. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kyle T. and second by Joseph M., with the motion passing unanimously.

There was one bill for \$13,000 submitted by Ramboll for the H&H Modeling services. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Kyle T. and seconded by Stephanie W., with the motion passing unanimously.

Members discussed the proposed 2026-27 member contributions. The budget was unchanged from last year, with a total of \$25,000. One error was noted and an updated proposed budget will be available for the October meeting.

Member Reports

Kyle T. said two trees are down in Sauquoit Creek. Part of one tree moved north of the Main Street bridge in the Villages of Whitesboro and Yorkville. There was a discussion on access to remove the trees. Village can go in creek and cut the trees up but there is still no good access point to remove the logs and eventually they will collect at the CS Bridge. Joeseeph M is sending pictures to Kristin and she will contact DEC for assistance on what can be done to remove the trees.

Kristin C. said that Village of Clayville is asking for funding assistance to cover part if the local match to develop a stream corridor study needed to analyze a dam located on the Sauquoit Creek. The dam if fails could impact an abutting business and road.

Other Business

Kristin C. said NYS DEC has reimbursed \$30,000 for the Non-Agricultural Non-point Source grant reward that has funded the Upper Sauquoit Creek H&H Study. The funds will be deposited into the SCBIC's bank account.

She also mentioned that Britt Westergard from NYS DEC is scheduled to come to the next SCBIC meeting to discuss the Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda and future grant opportunities.

There was a discussion on the possibility of moving the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission meetings to be back-to-back with SCBIC or overlapping the two meeting times because of repetitive discussion topics on both agendas and overlapping memberships. Chairperson Dave G. will discuss this with Chris B. to address how the two Commissions should meet going forward.

The next regular meeting date is **October 20, 2026 at 3:30pm** at the Whitestown Town Offices.