



MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2022 4:30 PM

Town of Kirkland Offices

3699 NY-12B

Clinton, NY 13323

Present

Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)

Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)

Quinn Pratico (NYS Assembly)

Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)

Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

Robert Jarrett (Clinton resident)

Janice and Peter Atkinson (Clinton residents)

Liseli Haives (Clinton resident)

Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)

Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton)

Robert Rockwell (V. of Clinton)

Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)

Amy Heiderich (HOCCPP Staff)

Kathy Czajkowski (Mohawk River Basin Program)

Marlene Hawking (Clinton resident)

Steve Bellona (V. of Clinton)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 PM by Jon Scott. The July 21, 2022, meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Chris Burtch and a second by Elizabeth Tantillo. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

EIN and Bank Account

- We are waiting on the Federal Tax ID number in order to open a bank account.
- The Commission will use Key Bank in Clinton
 - o Amy H. gave Jon S. the information on the bank account
 - o Amy H. informed the voting members on the process to get themselves on the bank account and will inform them once Jon S. is able to get up the account

Election of a Treasurer

- Vote to allow HOCCPP to conduct the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer since HOCCPP pays the bills and manages the bank account
 - o Kristin C. explained how this is done for Sauquoit Creek with a signed agreement that Amy H. will bring to the next meeting
 - o Motion by Chris B., second by Elizabeth T., all were in favor of this process

Budget Scenarios

- Kristin C. gave explanation of the funding formula, same design as for the Sauquoit Creek Commission. Amy H. explained budget scenarios with additional detail from Kristin C.
- Elizabeth T. asked if this money could be used as an in-kind match for the LWRP grant
 - o Most likely budget scenario will be for \$25,000 total since that is local match requirement.
- Voting members will have to bring to their boards and will vote on the budget in September

Review Draft Map

- Amy H. presented a draft map with areas of concern along the watershed based off the 2014 MMI report and the public's voiced concerns, a basis for the Watershed Management Plan.

- Chris B. explained what is happening in Oriskany at the FEMA project site – sediment & debris removal; the bridge on question on NY-69 is historic, so will be more difficult to right size.
- Kristin C. explained that the project in Waterville is approved and is in process or will be soon for sediment and debris removal

OCWC Website

- Amy H. reported that the website is up with members names and emails, the Water 101 & DEC Permits presentations, the MMI report, and agendas and minutes.
- We are looking for some project and activity pictures or reports to add
- If anyone searches Oriskany Creek Watershed, this should be the 1st or 2nd site to show

Member Reports

Waterville representative and Whitestown representative absent at time of report

Village of Oriskany – Chris B. reported that the village has budgeted enough to contribute to the OCWC
Town of Kirkland:

- The Sherman Brook Study funding has been approved and is in process at Oneida County and with lawyers.
- This study will benefit residents on Kirkland Ave. that have experienced flooding
- There was an application for a permit to address these issues, but the County withdrew due to DEC requiring a hydraulic study.
- An engineering study has been done, now the DEC is requiring a hydraulic study as the next step

Village of Clinton:

- Rob R. reported that codes visited someone regarding cleaning out a ditch full of debris that is restricting water flow. Codes spoke with person cutting down trees along the creek and informed the meeting that they have equipment and downed trees on Village property.
 - o Some of the trees taken down were on Village property.
- The public wants to ensure all of this is in writing.

Comments from Public Attendees

- Bob E. lives along Sherman Brook where there is sediment build up in the culverts, which are only 1/3 the design width. Sherman Brook reverts its path and Kirkland Ave acts as berm due to it being about 5' higher than ground level causing three flooding incidents in 2021 and one so far in 2022.
- Jon S. explained that the next step in this process is the report by Ramboll.
- Shaun G. explained the process and timeframe, about 6 months. Ramboll will construct a hydraulic model, Oneida County will be able to extract pages from the report to input into the CFA, and the study will give recommendations, but the permitting process is further delayed due to staffing shortages at the DEC.
- Example in Oriskany – a dual project with sediment removal and repairing banks working at a temporary quick solution while having someone to complete the entire project long term for full DEC approval.
- A member from the public asked about solar projects in Kirkland. These projects will not be looked at until they are in the final design phase.
- A member of the public inquired about having to go into private property at an apartments complex. Jon S. informed here that the potential solution is to re-route the water through village property.

Next Meetings

The next meeting date is September 15, 2022, at 4:30 PM in the Town of Kirkland Offices.

The following meeting is October 20, 2022 at 4:30 PM with a presentation by Ramboll.

