

Oriskany Creek Watershed Meeting

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MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2022

4:30 PM

REMOTE MEETING

Present

Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Supervisor Christian (Town of Paris)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)
Sean Hennessey (NYS DOT)
Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)
Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)
Celeste Friend (City of Utica)

Dan Hayes (NYS DEC)
Michael Stadelmaier (Congresswoman Tenney)
Brooke Marino (Assemblyperson Miller)
David Babowicz (OC DPW)
Caroline Realle (OC Legislator)
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Adam Palmer (HOCCPP Staff)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:45PM by Dave Glenn immediately following Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission meeting.

Intermunicipal Agreement Signing Update

Adam P. reported that the Town of Whitestown, Village of Oriskany, Village of Waterville, and Village of Clinton have submitted resolutions to join the Oriskany Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission.

Dave G. indicated that there is no cut-off date for when municipalities can choose to submit a resolution either before or after the Intermunicipal Agreement has been signed. Dave G. stated that municipalities who have submitted a resolution should begin considering when and where they want to meet on a monthly basis. Dave G. also stated that Oriskany Creek Commission members can continue having meetings in conjunction with SCBIC meetings until a separate location has been selected.

Oriskany Creek Watershed Meeting Location Update

Adam P. added that the Town of Whitestown and Village of Clinton are two locations where Oriskany Creek Commission members could potentially meet, and that the location could alternate if that is what Commission members prefer.

Dave G. suggested that the two groups meet together during the March meeting in the Town of New Hartford.

Chris B. stated that having both the Oriskany Creek and Sauquoit Creek meetings together has been productive. Chris B. indicated that he would be in favor of having the Sauquoit Creek and Oriskany Creek meetings at the same date and location for March, in the Town of New Hartford.

Adam P. stated that the Intermunicipal Agreement would likely be signed at the location of the March meeting of the Oriskany Creek Watershed.

Other Business

Member Reports

Dave G. requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities.

Town of New Hartford

Rick S. reported that concrete culverts were delivered for the Oneida Street Culvert Project along the Town of New Hartford line, and that they will be installed once the weather breaks. Rick S. also reported that the town is moving dirt and clearing brush on the Mud Creek Project, as well as working on getting several permanent easements approved. The Town is looking at options on Higby Road and Arlington Road, including changing old detention basins and researching access to sites.

Kristin C. met with the Town of New Hartford to talk about potential grant opportunities and funding for the spring, as well as to explore the possibility of property acquisitions within the Town.

Village of Oriskany

Chris B. stated that several tree branches have broken off near one of the bridges in the Village of Oriskany and are currently sitting idle at the top of the bank. Chris indicated that the debris is currently not moving, but remains a high priority concern moving forward.

Chris B. stated that at some point the Village of Oriskany would be interested in putting in a retaining wall along the bank to decrease the likelihood of a landslide from occurring.

Whitesboro

No report

Town of Paris

Supervisor Christian reported that the Town of Paris is in the process of drilling wells for their water system.

Other Business

Maggie R. stated that in April or May, she would be open to talking to the Commission about steps that can be taken to mitigate the risks and impacts of flooding along the Oriskany Watershed. Maggie also suggested that a sediment and debris study can be conducted that will develop conceptual ideas to address issues that various municipalities might be experiencing. A sediment and debris management plan would allow the municipalities to seek additional funding to address these issues.

Kristin C. stated that the Oriskany Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission could also apply for Oneida County Flood Mitigation Program funding once the Commission is established. Kristin also reported that LWRP funding may be made available soon to fund a debris management plan.

The next meeting date is March 15, 2022 at 4:30PM in the Town of New Hartford.