



MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2025, 4:30 PM

Waterville Village Offices, 122 Barton Ave., Waterville, NY 13480

Present

Jamie Bechy (V. of Waterville) *
Larry Stern (V. of Waterville) *
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany) *
Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton) *
Roger Potenski (T. of Westmoreland) *

Chuck Hebbard (T. of Westmoreland) *
Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Jake Voelker (NYSDOT)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP staff)
Jeff Rehler (HOCCPP staff)

*Authorized or alternate voting representative

J. Bechy opened the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The following meeting minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum:

- December 2024

FEMA BRIC DTA Program

FEMA continues to provide BRIC DTA expertise to OCWC, including capabilities of program consultants CDM Smith. J. Rehler discussed a short list of projects prioritized by OCWC Members and vetted for BRIC grant suitability by the BRIC DTA team.

The FEMA BRIC NOFO was recently released for 2025 and information was shared with Members. With the BRIC DTA team's assistance, OCWC will pursue submitting projects by the 02/28/25 deadline. A short list of projects was developed based on OCWC Member input and BRIC DTA team feedback. Four projects will be considered for submission as scoping studies. These are basic data collection/planning studies to understand the issues and inform strategies for addressing them.

- Valley Road Bank Restoration – Whitestown, Oriskany
- Sediment and Debris Management Study for Big Creek – Sangerfield, Waterville, Marshall
- WWTP Bridge Replacement – Waterville
 - J. Bechy commented that he could provide further information to inform the application.
- Sanford Ave. Storm Water Drains – Clinton

An additional project could be submitted as a phased project. These are larger projects requiring a substantial amount of detail including the Cost-Benefit analysis. Charman Jon Scott will need to provide additional details on what this project involves.

- Intermunicipal Flood Mitigation Project – Kirkland, Clinton

The many projects not being prioritized for this opportunity may be strong fits for other grants such as the Resilient Watershed Grants recently announced as part of the NYS BOND ACT or Oneida County Flood Mitigation Program funding. Additionally, OCWC can get a head start on preparing submissions for next year's BRIC program as well.

Mohawk Watershed Symposium – Ramboll/Oriskany Creek Watershed Study

J. Rehler and A. Flint discussed an opportunity for Ramboll and OCWC to present at a scientific conference. Ramboll will discuss the Oriskany Creek Watershed Study research methods and findings. An OCWC Member is encouraged to join and briefly discuss OCWC activities as context for the Ramboll presentation.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account as of December 31, 2024 was \$29,431.95. Approval was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Member Reports

Westmoreland – R. Potenski noted weather related delays in initiating the school field flood mitigation project. The project will use OC Flood Mitigation grant funds.

Other Business

K. Campbell discussed FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program (02/28/25 deadline) and DHSES's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP, 04/30/25 deadline). J. Bechy inquired about a bridge project and eligibility for these funding opportunities. K. Campbell noted the current focus is BRIC because of the DTA, but encouraged municipalities to explore and submit for the opportunities as capacity allows.

K. Campbell inquired about the status of Waterville's hole in front of the school apartments. Various OCWC Members noted ongoing litigation about ownership disputes concerning the area.

J. Rehler encouraged attendees to take a printed copy of the Oriskany Creek Watershed Study for future reference.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held February 20, 2025 at the Westmoreland Town Offices at 4:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.