



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **July 22, 2025, 4:30 PM**

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

#### **Present**

Roger Potenski (T. of Westmoreland)  
Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton)  
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)  
Larry Stern (V. of Waterville)  
Colin Idzi (V. of Oriskany Falls)  
Gene Whipple (T. Sangerfield)

Jack Litz (T. Sangerfield)  
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)  
Britt Westergard (NYS DEC)  
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP staff)  
JP Dillion (HOCCPP staff)  
Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP staff)

Elizabeth Tantillo opened the meeting at 4:32 pm.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The following meeting minutes were approved unanimously:

- December 2024 (Motion: Chris B., Second: Gene W.)
- January 2025 (Motion: Chris B., Second: Larry S.)
- February 2025 (Motion: Gene W., Second: Larry S.)
- March 2025 (Motion: Roger P., Second: Gene W.)
- April 2025 (Motion: Larry S., Second: Roger P.)
- May 2025 (Motion: Gene W., Second: Chris B.)
- June 2025 (Motion: Chris B., Second: Larry S.)

#### **Election of Officers**

Kristin discussed the need to nominate a Chairperson for 2025. The role of the chairperson includes drafting the agenda items, being the public face of the Commission, and acting as a conduit between OCWC and HOCCPP. Chris Burtch was nominated and approved unanimously, with a motion by Gene W. and seconded by Elizabeth T.

#### **Grants**

Kristin reported that the NYS Consolidated Funding Grant period is open and accepting applications until July 31, 2025. This includes the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP), Non-Agricultural Non-Point Source, and Local Waterfront Revitalization programs. The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Green Resiliency Grants was also briefly discussed, with the grant application due on August 15.

Kristin discussed the applications submitted in the NYS DEC's Resilient Watershed Grant Program. These included Waterville Bank Stabilization and Flood Plain Restoration, Clinton Utica Street Flood Bench and Valley Road Bank Stabilization in Whitestown. Awards should be announced in late 2025.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The balance in the Commission's bank account was \$29,431.95. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously, following a motion by Chris B. and seconded by Larry S.

## **Member Reports**

*Oriskany:* Currently working on MS4 mapping and talking to the Village Board on looking for more projects. There haven't been any big issues in the Village. The concerns for the Village have been more upstream in the Town of Whitestown.

*Clinton:* The Village received an Oneida County Flood Mitigation grant to repair the collapsed culverts on Chenango Ave South, in front of the Milkhouse Apartments. The work started this week, and it's expected to take around 10 days. The Village is also applying for grants to replace sewer interceptors and purchase a new vacuum truck. Kristin brought up submitting a document that shows the Village is willing to share the vac truck and/or other municipalities are open to signing an agreement to share it.

*Waterville:* Big Creek, south of Main St, has been rerouted and the bank is no long straight up but in more of a "v" shape. Willow trees and other reused trees have been planted along the bank to help prevent flooding and stabilize the banks. The house on Buell Ave has also been torn down as part of the Creek project.

*Whitestown:* The proposed Mega Church project on the corner of Route 840 and Halsey Rd is coming back to the County for review due to an expansion of the scope of the project. There is the potential for stormwater to have impacts to local waterways requiring review for potential impacts.

*Westmoreland:* The solar farm on French Rd is looking to expand. The expansion is still in the planning phase. The project to reestablish the Westmoreland School District's retention pond is ongoing. These ponds had not been maintenance and require permits from NYS DEC along with easements/permission from private landowners on E Main St.

Finally, it was brought up that the Town Board is concerned about the continuous lack of quorum within these meetings. A discussion ensued about understanding the concern and acknowledging how there have been benefits to the creation of this commission, including grants and a direct line to the county.

During this discussion, Colin Idzi, the new mayor of Oriskany Falls, said he is interested in joining the Watershed Commission and signing the Intermunicipal Agreement. Kristin said she will send him the documents to bring to his board of trustees.

## **Other Business**

Britt Westergard was introduced as the new point of contact for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). She is the Watershed Coordinator for the Mohawk River Basin Program, which is currently revising their Action Agenda. Contact information was made available to everyone present.

Kristin introduced new HOCCPP staff, JP Dillion and Hanna Sauberan, who will be shadowing and helping with the meetings.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held August 26, 2025, at the Westmoreland Town Offices at 4:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.