



MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2026, 4:30 PM

Waterville Village Offices
122 Barton Avenue, Waterville, NY 13480

Present

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

Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Stuart Miller (Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP staff)
Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP staff)

Chairperson Burtch opened the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The January 27, 2026 and February 24, 2026 meeting minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Jamie B. and seconded by Roger P.

March 2026 Flooding Reports

Members discussed any flooding issues they experienced in their community during the March thaw and rain events.

Clinton:

In the Town of Kirkland, NYS Route 5 near Kirkland Avenue was flooded and blocked off for an entire weekend. Clinton did not experience flooding over NYS Route 5. Mayor Tantillo mentioned that overall, Clinton has experienced less flooding recently in part due to projects in the watershed. Typically, Sherman Brook and Utica Street flood but with recent improvements made to Sherman Brook and St. Mary's Brook there has been less flooding. Continued areas of concerns are from the illegal culverts near the Milkhouse Apartments and culverts that need cleaning near the Hannaford store on Franklin Avenue. Banks continue to erode along the creek but not overflowing.

Westmoreland:

During the recent snow melt, Oriskany Creek between Peckville Road and Deans Creek water levels have not been concerning. The Creek has been getting wider and higher, but it has not resulted in flooding.

Oriskany:

River Street was closed for about half a day due to flooding. There is continued embankment loss near the ballfields.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account was \$43,421.51. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously, following a motion by Jamie B. and seconded by Roger P.

Member Reports

Kirkland:

Chris B. said there's been flooding on Fountain Street outside of Oneida County's right-of-way. There is drainage on the side of the road, but water is having trouble getting off the street.

Westmoreland:

The Town is considering a proposed project regarding the highway garage and determining if there is a need for a salt shed. The Town is working on a "wish list" of projects.

Other Business

Kristin C. reported that there is the possibility that the FEMA BRIC program will be accepting applications from 2025. The OCWC had worked with FEMA's consulting with applications for planning studies for the Valley Road Bank Stabilization, Sanford Avenue Storm Drainage improvements, Waterville's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) project, Big Creek Sediment and Debris Management Study, and updates to the Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The WWTP project has been funded by NYS DEC and Jamie B. suggested adding the Village of Waterville reservoir decommissioning project as an application.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2026, at the Oriskany Falls Village Hall at 4:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.