



MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026, 4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro, NY 13492

Present

Chairperson Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)
Roger Potenski (T. of Westmoreland)
Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Justin Gorton (T. of Marshall)
Larry Stern (V. of Waterville)
Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Kadir Goz (Ramboll)

Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Stuart Miller (Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited)
Sierra Catlin (Citizen – Whitesboro High School)
Ciara Fogelman (Citizen - Whitesboro High School)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP staff)
Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP staff)
JP Dillon (HOCCPP staff)

Chairperson Burtch opened the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes

Stuart M. mentioned that in the April 28, 2026 meeting minutes, it incorrectly identified Trout Unlimited as having tested for E. coli in the Oriskany Creek. The Riverkeepers were the group who performed the testing. A motion to amend and approve the April 28, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Mayor Tantillo and seconded by Roger P., with the motion passing unanimously.

New Grant Opportunities

Kristin C. reminded members of two upcoming grant opportunities. The NYS DEC Resilient Watershed Grant (RWG) is due June 26th. The State share is 90% with a 10% local match. The projects must be mentioned within a Resilient NY report, which includes the Oriskany Creek Watershed Sediment and Debris Management Study, the Oriskany Creek Emergency Transportation Plan by MMI, and the Sherman Brook Watershed Flood Mitigation Study. The minimum grant amount is \$150,000, and the maximum amount is \$10 million.

The second grant opportunity is the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Green Resiliency and Green Innovation Grants, due June 12th. The minimum grant amount is \$1 million, and the maximum amount is \$10 million.

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 Dave G. and seconded by Roger P. Staff will be sending out invoices for membership contributions in September.

Member Reports

Waterville:

The Village of Waterville has applied for a Resilient Watershed Grant to decommission the reservoirs on Reservoir Road in Sangerfield. Additionally, the Village is working on the grant paperwork for the contract from the 2025 Resilient Watershed Grant award. The project includes bank stabilization and floodplain restoration along NYS Route 315 north to the wastewater treatment plant.

Other Business

Members agreed to not hold meetings during the summer months of June, July, and August. The next meeting would be in September 2026 unless there is a need for an emergency meeting. The meeting schedule was approved unanimously, following a motion by Roger P. and seconded by Mayor Tantillo.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2026, at the Westmoreland Town Offices at 4:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.