



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2020

4:30 PM

Remote meeting

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Shaun Kaleta (T. of Whitestown)
Steve Devan (WP&WQC)
Delores Caruso (Governor's Office)

Assemblyman Brian Miller
Representative for Assemblyperson Buttenschon
Kathy Czajkowski (NYSDEC/Mohawk River Basin)
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Karl Schrantz (Ramboll)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the November minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Maggie Reilly provided a brief update on Project 2 near the CSX Bridge. The project was advertised for bid in late November 2020. The date for bid acceptance has been pushed to January 13, 2021. Project 1 at Dunham Manor Park has been all resurveyed and the repairs from the 2019 storm damage will be rebid once the NYS DEC and Army Corp of Engineer permits are in place.

USDA-NRCS Flood Plain Easement Program Announcement- Whitesboro

Karl Schrantz reported that approximately 195 applications have been submitted. Friday was the deadline and there were 4 or 5 more that came in late. NRCS is working on the applications and appraisals are anticipated to be complete in fall 2021. Additionally Karl is assisting the Village of Whitesboro with their HMGP application for acquisition of commercial properties.

Sediment and Debris Management Plan

Shaun G. reported that he and Maggie had met with all the communities located on the Sauquoit Creek to collect data and reports. The field survey work was completed and engineering has started reviewing the sediment transport in the rough computer model. They are starting on the recommendations and potential projects list. Maggie and Shaun have one more meeting with the Town of New Hartford and John Dunkle from Dunn and Sgromo to go over the latest studies of the Town Ward 1 and 2 drainage areas. There will be a section on Mud Creek added into the plan. Ramboll has completed a rough scale model of the water flow of the tributaries to the Sauquoit

Creek. They are finding tonnage of material entering the creek. Once the report is complete in February 2021, Ramboll will provide a presentation by zoom with a PowerPoint for the Commission and State agency partners.

Shaun mentioned that the Nature Conservancy is looking to understand what a property buyout program should look like in New York and have gathered feedback from federal and state officials. He said they have reached out looking for input from local residents. Dave said he would approach some residents and report to Shaun.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$ 135,675.49. There were no bills. Approval of the treasured report was tabled due to no quorum.

Other Business

Member Reports

Chairperson Glenn requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities.

- Rick Sherman gave an update on the activities of the Town of New Hartford. The Town is holding a public WebEx presentation of the results of the Ward 1 and 2 drainage study on Thursday. The engineer will explain the study area and potential projects. The Oneida Street box culvert project is coming along. The culvert has been ordered and arriving soon. The area is being resurveyed.
- This was Steve Devan's last SCBIC meeting. We wish him the best as he embarks on his retirement.
- Chairperson Glenn reminded members that Commission will hold the election of the chairperson for 2021 at the January 2021 meeting.

The next meeting date is January 19, 2021 and will be held remotely. Kristin will send out a WebEx reminder with log in information.