



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville)
Vincent Malagese (V. of Whitesboro)
Mayor Friedlander (V. of Whitesboro)
Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)
Celeste Friend (City of Utica- 3rd Ward)
Dana Nimey-Olney (NYS Assembly)
Steve Devan (OC WQ&WPC)

Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)
Dan Appler (OC E-911)
Kristina Markey (NYS DEC)
Brian Whittaker Gannon (OBG)
Maggie Reilly (Utica)
Ron Lubier (Resident- Whitesboro)
Cimbria Badenhausen (Citizen/Utica)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by member Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Kristin and Brian Whittaker from OBG provided a brief update on the status of the project. Phase 2 near the CSX tracks is in the permitting and engineering phase with a projected start date in spring 2020. There were some permitting associated delays due to permission to do the archeological survey on the property. Additionally, there has been coordination with CSX and working out details concerning the right sizing of the culverts under the tracks. A balance between the stormwater being discharged and the weight loads that the culverts can handle is being reviewed.

As part of a drainage study, a survey crew from Prudent Engineering started collecting data this week in the residential area of Whitesboro impacted by flooding to better understand drainage patterns and assess future flood risk. The data to be collected includes first floor flood elevation (door threshold) of residences, lowest adjacent grade (lowest point where the ground touches the foundation) and the lowest point of entry. In addition, the survey crew will be collecting information along the roadway including road centerline, curb line, shoulder, storm water catch basins, sewer manholes, etc.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Other Business

- Chairperson Glenn requested members discuss any projects and problem areas in their representative communities.
 - Vince M. reported there is debris at the Oriskany Boulevard Bridge over the Sauquoit Creek in Whitesboro.
 - Steve D. is meeting with FEMA representatives about the public assistance on Wednesday to discuss damages at Oneida County Water Pollution and Water Quality Control.
 - Celeste F. reported the South Utica Community Meeting on February 11, 2020 was a success. Speakers were invited to speak for 5-10 minutes about efforts with repairs and resiliency South Utica after the Halloween 2019 storms. The representatives included Randy Young (NYS DEC), Marc Barraco (Congressman Brindisi), Heather Mowat and Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica) and Kristin C. (SCBIC).
- In January, a map of each municipality was handed out to representatives to use to identify problem areas such as gravel bars and debris fields or locations for future resiliency projects. All municipalities have turned in their maps to Kristin. The OC Planning Department will be reaching out to the municipalities once the snow melts to map these problem locations.

On February 6, Chairperson Glenn met with top elected officials at the federal, state and local levels and agencies including NYS DOT and NYS DEC to speak about maintenance needs along local waterways. The goal is to work with other agencies to come up with a long-term maintenance plan for the creek and set up a task force with various stakeholders to work on sections of the creek on a regular basis to perform maintenance.

- The stream permitting training held February 5, 2020 at MVCC was well attended by highway personnel in both Oneida and Herkimer Counties. Staff from NYS DEC's regional office in Utica discussed the difference between the general, individual and emergency permits for work in streams. There will be a second event for highway personnel in the spring to go more in-depth about stream mechanics.

The next meeting date is March 17, 2020.