

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2023

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Stephane Wurz (City of Utica)
Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)
Dan Appler (E-911)
Dana Olney (A/M Buttenschon)

Payton Reese (OC SWCD)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff- Remote)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The approval of the February 21, 2023 minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Whitestown Flood Plain Bench Update

Maggie R. provided updates on Projects 1& 3 and the NRCS buyout. Project 1 repairs at Dunham Manor Park will be going out to bid next week. It is anticipated the work will take 3 months to complete (June-August 2023). Project 3, the Wadas property and enhanced Project 2 at the CSX tracks, is in design/engineering phase. There is a NYS EFC GIGP grant, and Oneida County Flood Mitigation Grant funds secured. Work is currently going on with the NYS DEC Forest Conservation Grant.

A brief update was provided on the NRCS buy-outs. The Town of Whitestown has requested NRCS send an update letter to residents on the current status of the project. NRCS is moving to clear all the titles and once this is completed the next step is for contracts to go out to property owners. The hope is to get contracts out in early summer.

Treasurer's Report

The treasure's report was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Other Business

Baseline 604b Workplan 2023-28

Kristin reported she is working on the next 5-year workplan for funding that Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program receives for water quality planning efforts. The new workplan will include assistance with MS4 compliance, updating land use regulations, grant assistance, watershed planning and support, and source water protection. Funding will be used for creation of a stormwater

coalition in Oneida County, MS4 data collection and record keeping to meet current permit requirements. Assist municipalities with land use regulations that address climate resiliency, education and creation of updated digital zoning maps that include water bodies and 100-year flood plain. Support the reinstatement of a water quality coordinating committee in Oneida County and efforts to update the local water strategy. In addition, there will be continued support for grant identification and writing, participation in the Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration Program, and support to watershed groups such as the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission and the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission. Kristin asked if communities have any needs to reach out for inclusion in the workplan.

Grants

Kristin reported that the Northern Border Regional Commission recently announced their grant period is open and accepting letters of interest. She will send out a link to members with more information.

The Town of Whitestown is looking for grant funds to do a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to submit to FEMA based on the suggestion of NYS DEC due to the completion of the flood plain restoration project at Dunham Manor Park. This will show the reduction in the flood plain and benefit the community with reduced flood insurance costs. The cost would be about \$20-50,000. One suggestion is putting in an application with the Oneida County Flood Mitigation Program.

H&H Study Upstream of the Sauquoit Creek

Shaun G reported the modeling and conceptual design for the 3 sites in NY Mills, Utica and Chadwicks is about 95% complete. NYS DOT is looking for the original NYS Rte. 8 south design documents that will be included in the design. Draft of the plan will be done next week. Commission will be given a copy to review. There will be a presentation at the SCBIC meeting on May 16th of the results.

Summer Schedule

Chairperson Glenn asked members to think about not holding meetings during July and August due to vacation schedules. The group will meet if something critical arises, but the consensus was to take a summer break.

The next meeting date is April 18, 2023 at 4:30 at the Town of Whitestown Offices.