

# Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2023

4:30 PM

Town of New Hartford Offices  
at "The Orchards"  
8635 Clinton Street  
New Hartford, NY 13413

### **Present**

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)  
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)  
Stephane Wurz (City of Utica)  
Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)  
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany/ OC)  
Dana Olney (A/M Buttenschon)

Cindy Del Piano (NYS Assembly Miller)  
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)  
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)  
Emily Baker (Hamilton College)  
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the June 20, 2023 minutes were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

### **Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update**

Maggie R. provided an update on the projects in Whitestown.

Project 1: Construction on the the repairs of Project 1 at Dunham Manor Park will be done by the end of October. The plantings will be installed this week.

Project 2: NYS DEC modified the permit and maintenance work is being done not in the creek.

Project 3: The NYS EFC GIGP contract should be approved soon. Maggie has been working to provide all the required documentation. The Town of working to buy some of the Wadas property with other grant funds.

NRCS Buy-Out: The program has moved from an easement program to a recovery program with NRCS. This gives the Town more control on the timeline of the program. Since this is a federal program, there needs to be a NEPA process for environmental and cultural resource review. Maggie explained timeline of the program.

There was discussion about incorrect information being spread by individuals about the buy-out program. This is a continued concern and does not do anything but confuse property owners who are trying to make an informed decision. If there are any questions about the program, please refer these questions to Maggie or Supervisor Kaleta.

### **MS4 Coalition**

Kristin spoke about MS4 coalition creation efforts. The County Attorney's office is reviewing the draft intermunicipal agreement (IMA). Once we have comments back, a cover letter explaining what a stormwater coalition and a copy of the IMA is will be distributed to potential members. Kristin will work on setting up a future meeting that will be held after a SCBIC meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$101,971.61. There was one bill to pay submitted by Ramboll for the watershed study of the upper portion of the Sauquoit Creek. This is reimbursable by the Oneida County Flood Mitigation grant. Approval of the treasurer's report and payment of bills was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

### **Other Business**

#### **Member Reports**

There were no member reports.

The next meeting date is October 17, 2023 at 4:30 at the Town of New Hartford Offices.