Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission
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MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026
3:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)
Don Bathke (V. of New Hartford)
Stephanie Wurz (C. of Utica)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Kadir Goz (Ramboll)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)
Jakob Van Etten (Citizen)
Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP Staff)
JP Dillon (HOCCPP Staff)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 3:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The April 21, 2026 minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Stephanie W. and second by Kyle T.

Update on the H&H Modeling Grant

Alyssa F. and Kadir G. provided an update on the modeling of Pietryka Park, NY Mills and Oneida Street/Kellog Road, Washinton Mills. The topographic and bathymetric survey data collection has been completed, and the H&H modeling is in progress. There was a discussion on whether the potential mitigation strategies in Washinton Mills should only focus on addressing bank stabilization or also add the potential for the area to include community amenities. Chairperson Glenn will be reaching out to the Village of New York Mills for their thoughts on the potential projects that come out the modeling. Ramboll would like to present alternatives to a stakeholder group. It was agreed that a Town of New Hartford town board meeting in June would fit in the schedule.

Current Projects

Ramboll has met with NYS DEC to review the Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration Project 3 with new staff. There was no update on Project 4 (AKA Wadas Bench) and the NRCS Buyouts in the Town of Whitestown.

There were no updates on Route 69 and Main Street Bridge replacement projects; they are still in design.

The Highway Garage & Rayhill Trail Repairs in the Town of New Hartford went out to bid, a contractor has been selected, and the some ground clearing has started.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is $163,467.39. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kyle T. and second by Tom H., with the motion passing unanimously.

There was one bill for $5,000 submitted by Ramboll for the H&H Modeling services. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Stephanie W. and seconded by Kyle T., with the motion passing unanimously.

Members agreed on sending invoices for annual contributions in September.

Member Reports

Kristin C. reminded members of the two grant opportunities: NYS DEC Resilient Watershed Grant, due June 26th, and NYS EFC Green Resiliency and Innovation Grant Program, due June 12th. Stephanie W. confirmed that Utica will resubmit the Brookline Drive project for the Resilient Watershed Grant. Kristin C. mentioned the Town of New Hartford will be applying for the Resilient Watershed Grant for projects at the Washington Mills Athletic Park, Bleachery Avenue, and Oneida Street.

Kristin C. said she received a call from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). There was a request for a presentation on the projects completed along Sauquoit Creek in Whitestown and New Hartford. Drone footage and imagery of the project sites has been collected from 2013, 2017, 2019, and 2023 to show the progress of the projects over the past decade. Kristin noted that since 2004 when the SCBIC was created, over $63 million worth of projects has been completed in the Sauquoit Creek watershed to mitigate flooding.

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. A special meeting with Ramboll will be scheduled in June to discuss project alternatives at Pietryka Park and Oneida Street/Kellog Road, Washington Mills. The Village of New York Mills and the Town of New Hartford will be contacted to be a part of the meeting.

The next regular meeting date is **September 15, 2026 at 3:30pm** at the Whitestown Town Offices.