

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership

January 30, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

In Attendance

Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Joe Finan, Hudson Hoosic Partnership
Michelle Degarmo, Flatley Read
Tim Holmes, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Dave Roberts, GVC
Brian Mumford, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Julie Stokes, Gov. Appointee
Bob Radliff, Erie Canalway NHC
Larry Arnold, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Amy Bracewell, Saratoga NHP
Lauren Stevens, HooWRA
Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust
Paul Marlon, Town of Halfmoon
Charles Vanderi, NYS DEC Lands and Forests
Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee
Teri Ptacek, ASA/Appointee
Lorraine Merghart-Ballad, Battenkill Conservancy
Jeff Cleary, Sen. Marchione's office
Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee

Tom Richardson opened the meeting at 10:05am with welcome and introductions.

1. Previous Meeting Notes

Tom W. moved to accept the minutes, Teri P. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Champlain Canalway Trail Working Group

Dave Perkins gave a presentation to the Partnership, requesting a letter of support for updating the Champlain Canalway Trail Action Plan.

Julie S. moved in favor of Resolution 17-1 In Support of CCTWG Action Plan, Teri P. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

3. Status of GVC Construction Activity

Dave Roberts gave a presentation to the Partnership illustrating the work completed on the Champlain Canal Gateway Visitors Center to-date. Dave was going to update the presentation with captions and provide a copy to Drew A. to post on the website.

Tom Richardson reported that the Partnership has received the \$300,000 check from Saratoga County. The board offered their thanks and appreciation to Saratoga County.

Joe Finan reported that the workshops will commence in May and June 2017. The frame will be erected during the June 16 workshop.

The board offered their thanks and appreciation to the businesses that have supported the site development, particularly Curtis Lumber that stored the timbers at no cost.

4. June 16 Timber Framers Guild Frame Raising

Joe F. reported that the committee met on January 12 to discuss the June 16 timber frame raising event, and that the committee would be meeting again at the end of the meeting. Tom Richardson added that he has begun work reaching out to our elected officials, and has provided Drew A. contact for inviting the Governor.

5. Bylaws Committee

Kay T. presented the draft Bylaws prepared by the committee and opened the floor to discussion. It was agreed that Drew A. would distribute the draft to the Partnership via email, inviting comments and suggestions to be submitted no later than February 15. The committee will address the questions and comments and create a final draft to be distributed at least a week before the February meeting so that a vote could be held at that time.

6. Other Business

Larry Arnold announced that the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield have received a 1777 challenge grant. For each dollar raised, the donor will match that dollar up to \$177,700.00. The Partnership is the third party in a management agreement with the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield and the Open Space Institute. The Friends have been advised against fundraising before a management agreement is in place.

7. Next Meeting

Monday February 27, 2017, 10am.

8. Adjournment

Tom W. moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Julie S. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti