

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership



April 24, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

In Attendance

Board Members

Kay Tomasi, Senate Apointee
Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust
Maria Trabka, Saratoga PLAN
Julie Stokes, Gov. Appointee
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga
Dan Shaw, Town of Easton

John Sherman, Greater Schuylerville Youth
Lauren Stevens, HooWRA
Dave Roberts, GVC
Tim Holmes, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Joe Finan, Partnership
Jeff Cleary, Senator Marchione's Office
Michelle Degarmo, Flatley Read
Dave Perkins, Champlain Canalway Trail Working Group
Andrew Alberti, Lakes to Locks Passage
Janet Kennedy, Lakes to Locks Passage

Tom Richardson opened the meeting at 10:05am with welcome and introductions, and declared a quorum was present .

1. Previous Meeting Notes

Corrections:

Amy Bracewell, not Julie Stokes, gave the update on the flooding near the Saratoga Monument.

Joe Durkin, not Lauren Stevens, gave the update on the Valley Falls project being funded.

Julie S. moved to accept the minutes with the noted changes, Maria T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. Gateway Visitors Center Update

The June 16 frame raising was a success. Thanks were extended to Senator Kathy Marchione, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Brian Stratton, and all that were in attendance. The framing was completed the following day and the roofing and siding is currently being installed. Tom Richardson also reported that the \$191k from Canal Corp has been received.

3. Grants & Finances

Drew A. introduced a resolution for the Partnership to contract with Flatley Read (subcontract Lakes to Locks Passage) to write two CFA applications to support the construction of the Gateway Visitors Center.

Maria T. moved to accept the resolution, Kay T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Drew A. introduced a resolution authorizing Tom Richardson to sign letters of support for the two grant applications supporting the construction of the Gateway Visitors Center.

Julie moved to accept the resolution, Maria seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

4. Saratoga Surrender Site

Tim H. reported that the Friends have approved the Surrender Site management agreement and that the agreement is now off to OSI for final approval.

Tom R. reported that he joined the Friends along with the Friends challenge grant donor and Dave Collins at the Old Bryan Inn, and the donor reaffirmed his commitment to the project.

5. Other business

Dave P. reported that Washington County is writing a grant to develop a feasibility study exploring route options for the trail between Fort Ann and Ticonderoga.

Dan S. introduced a resolution authorizing Tom Richardson to sign a letter of support for the grant application, the motion was seconded by Julie S. and all were in favor.

Dan S. introduced a resolution endorsing the Empire State Trail route through Washington County, the motion was seconded by Kay T. and all were in favor.

Dave P. also reported that the Canalway Trail Supervisors and Mayors Meeting will be held on September 12. It will start at the Gateway Visitors Center then move up to Hudson Crossing Park.

Julie S. reported that an effort is underway to petition Canal Corp. and the EPA to test for additional contaminants in the soil during their testing of the flood plains.

Julie S. introduced the motion, Maria T. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Drew A. reported that Lakes to Locks Passage has fresh copies of the Champlain Canal, Lake George, and Lake Champlain regional brochures available in English and French upon request.

Tom R. reported that the Saratoga County Trails Committee had a meeting with the Governor's office about the trail segment from Waterford to Mechanicville.

Maria T. reported that the Feast of the Fields event will be held on September 21st at Saratoga National Golf Club.

6. Next Meeting

Monday August 28, 2017, 10am.

7. Adjournment

Maria T. moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Kay T. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti