

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership

August 28, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

In Attendance

Board Members

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

John Sherman, Greater Schuylerville Youth
Bert Mahoney, Village of Waterford
Dave Perkins, CCTWG
Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park
Paul Marlon, Town of Halfmoon
Lauren Stevens, HOOWRA
Amy Bracewell, Saratoga NHP
Brian Mumford, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Michelle DeGarmo, Flatley Read
Joe Finan, HHP
Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee
Andrew Alberti, Lakes to Locks Passage

Tom Richardson opened the meeting at 10:00am with welcome and introductions, and declared a quorum was present.

1. Previous Minutes

Minutes have been tabled for review and approval at next meeting.

2. Gateway Visitors Center Update

Joe F. reported that the roof and walls were installed. The building is to be dried in by October. Footer timbers need to be redone before the porch can be installed.

3. Grants

\$200,000 from Parks is expected by October. The \$250,000 SAM grant is still in the works. Tom R. reported that he is trying to get the funds to go through DEC or the Town of Saratoga.

Drew A. reported that Lakes to Locks Passage submitted two grants through the Town of Saratoga on behalf of the Partnership to support the construction of the Gateway Visitors Center. The grants were a Land and Water Revitalization Program grant through the Department of State, and a Canal Corporation grant. Lakes to Locks Passage also submitted a NYS Council for the Arts grant to support interpretation and exhibit development. Lakes to Locks Passage is to invoice Flatley Read for the grant writing work, as specified at the June 26, 2017 meeting. The Alfred Z. Solomon Trust grant is due in early November.

4. Resolution for Authority to Sign Legal Documents

Julie S. introduced the resolution for authority to sign legal documents, Maria T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

5. Review of HHHP Director Liability

See attached document.

6. Saratoga Surrender Site

Joe D. reported that OSI has agreed to sign the Saratoga Surrender Site Management Agreement, but there were to be a few minor corrections that would not change the terms of the agreement.

Maria T. moved to allow Joe D. and Brian M. to make insignificant changes to the agreement, the motion was seconded by Teri P., Julie S. abstained, and all others were in favor.

7. Term of Director of Special Projects

Tom R. reported that Joe F.'s 3-year term for Director of Special Projects is set to expire, and should be extended. Joe F. said he would be comfortable with a 2-year extension. Julie S. suggested that the agreement should be reviewed and some compensation offered. A vote is to be held at the next regular meeting.

8. Conflict of Interest

Julie S. moved to approve the Conflict of Interest policy, the motion was seconded by Tom W., all were in favor.

9. Other business

Julie S. reported that the NY Power Authority has recently decided to open the Canal late and close it early.

Julie S. introduced a resolution opposing the decision to shorten the canal season, Tom W. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Julie S. reported that comments on the 5-year review of the dredging project are due early September and suggested HHHP write a letter.

Julie S. introduced a resolution for HHP to write a letter responding to comments on the 5-year review of the dredging project, Kay T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Dave P. reported that the plans for the Empire State Trail were released on August 8 and are available for review.

Dave P. extended an invite to the September 12, 2017 Champlain Canalway Trail Mayor and Supervisor meeting. The group is to meet at the visitor center at 11am, and proceed to Dix Bridge for lunch at noon.

Maria T. reported that Feast of the Fields is coming up on September 25, 2017. All proceeds are for land protection.

Whistleblower Policy to be reviewed at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting

Monday September 25, 2017, 10am.

11. Adjournment

Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti