

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership



November 27, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

In Attendance

Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga
Maria Trabka, Saratoga PLAN
Dan Shaw, Town of Easton
Teri Ptacek, ASA
Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee
Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust

Lorraine Merghart Ballard, Battenkill Conservancy
Keith Swenson, Friends of the IBA
Dave Roberts, Partnership
Larry Arnold, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Michelle DeGarmo, Flatley Read
Joe Finan, Partnership
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

Kay T. moved to approve both the previous minutes, Tom W. seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Teri and Maria abstained.

2. Election of Officers

Nominations committee chair Tom Wood introduced the slate of officers:

Tom Richardson- Chairperson
Sara Idleman – Vice-Chair
Secretary – Kay Tomasi
Treasurer – Bill Peck

Teri P. moved to accept the slate of officers, Maria T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor

3. Gateway Visitors Center

A GVC Financial report was distributed. Joe F. reported that the doors and windows have been ordered and will be installed soon. Michelle D. reported that a partial refund has been given after an audit on insurance.

Joe D. introduced a resolution for the HHHRP to persue an application to the Community Loan Fund in the amount of \$100,000, Teri P. seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was requested:

Tom R. – Yes

Joe D. – Yes

Kay T. – Yes

Maria T. – Yes

Dan S. – Yes

Teri P. – Yes

Tom W. – Yes

The motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Saratoga Surrender Site Update

Larry A. reported that the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield continue to build on the success of their fundraising activity. However, they have picked up the low hanging fruit and have requested support identifying potential donors.

5. Personnel/Finance Committee

Kay T. reported that she had a conversation with Senator Betty Little regarded line item funding for the

6. Communications

Conversation continued on the topic of public perception of the GVC project. Lorraine M.B. offered to draft a press release to help build awareness and public support.

7. Hudson River – CAG

Julie S. had drafted a letter and requested an additional letter be submitted on behalf of the partnership to address the presence of the PCBs in the flood plain and in the old canal. Joe F. offered to draft the letter on behalf of the partnership.

8. Other business

Dan S. tendered his letter of resignation to the board of directors.

Kay T. offered to draft a letter from the Partnership requesting that members reapply.

9. Next Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the HHHRP is to be held on Monday January 29, 2018, 10am.

10. Adjournment

Kay T. moved to adjourn, Teri P. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti