

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership



October 30, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

In Attendance

Sara Idleman, Town of Greenwich

Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee

Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust

Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville

Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

Dan Shaw, Town of Easton

Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee

John Sherman, Schuylerville Community Youth

Paul Marlon, Town of Halfmoon

Laura Oswald, Washington County

Laurie Lafond, Friends of the IBA

Dave Roberts

Amy Bracewell, Saratoga NHP

Larry Arnold, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield

Michelle DeGarmo, Flatley Read

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

Sara I. moved to approve both the previous minutes, Tom W. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. Friends of the IBA Membership

Dan S. moved to accept the Friends of the IBA application of membership, Sara I. seconded the motion, and all were in favor

3. Gateway Visitors Center

Dave Roberts reported that a RFP was distributed for windows and doors and Curtis Lumber was selected as the vendor. However, Curtis had already advanced funds for roofing products, and will need to be repaid before the windows and doors can be delivered. Dave suggested that there are extra

materials if it was the BOD's desire to board up the building. Bill R. identified that this would be problematic for public perception of the project.

- A) Tom R. reported that the Partnership is still waiting on NYS to dispense funding. There is the \$200,000 member item, \$250,000 in DASNY and \$25,000 that remains as part of the 10% retainage for the OPRHP grant. Dave R. reported for Joe Finan, who was sick and unable to attend, that he had suggested reaching out to Senator Kathy Marchione, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, and the District Rep from the Governor's office.
- B) Drew A. reported that a public information meeting will be held at Saratoga Town Hall 11/9 @ 7pm. Tom R., Joe F., Michelle D., and Drew A. have agreed to attend.

4. Saratoga Surrender Site Update

Larry A. reported that the groundbreaking of the Saratoga Surrender Site on October 17 was a success and that it received national/international press. Larry added that fundraising has been equally successful but there is still a \$290,000 remaining balance to be raised.

5. Personnel/Finance Committee

Kay T. reported that the purpose of organizing the committee was to ensure a financial report was available for each meeting so that the board was better informed of financial decisions and the position of the organization. A question was raised about the possibility of reaffirming membership and asking for a membership fee, but the topic was tabled for the next meeting.

6. Director of Special Projects

Tom W. moved to reappoint Joe Finan Director of Special Projects for a period of 2-years to focus on the Gateway Visitors Center and Saratoga Surrender Site, Kay T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

A more detailed job description was to be addressed at a future date.

7. Whistleblower Policy

Dan S. moved to approve the Whistleblower Policy, Joe D. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

8. Other business

Kay T. identified that the election of officers is to take place at the next board meeting. Tom W. was selected to present a slate of nominees.

9. Next Meeting

Monday November 27, 2017, 10am.

10. Adjournment

Sara I. moved to adjourn, Tom W. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti