

HISTORIC HUDSON-HOOSIC RIVERS PARTNERSHIP

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 24 , 2019

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

MISSION STATEMENT

The Partnership's mission is to preserve, enhance and develop historic, agricultural, scenic, natural and recreational resources and the significant waterways within the Partnership Region. Through the tradition of municipal home rule, the Partnership will foster collaborative projects with pertinent non-profit and governmental entities with an emphasis on both agricultural and open space protection, economic and tourism development and interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage.

Board Members Attending:

Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville

Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee

Julie Stokes, Governor Appointee

Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust

Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee

Teri Ptacek, ASA

Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park

Also attending:

Joe Finan, HHHRP

Andrew Alberti, Flatley Read

Dave Woodin, Town of Waterford

David Bullard, The Marshall House

John Mitchel, Halfmoon TOSC

Frank Rooney, NYS Dept of Ag and Markets

Neal Orsini, Rogers Island

Ed Carpenter, Rogers Island

Chairman Tom Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. A quorum was present.

Teri Ptacek made the motion, seconded by Tom Wood, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report

- Insurance coverage for the GVC will not be categorized as a construction project at this time. Coverage will be classified for a vacant building until construction continues. Rose & Kiernan coverage will cost \$9000 a year or \$772. per month.

- No memberships have been received since the last meeting.
- Hudson Crossing Park had approximately 1500 attending the Albany Symphony concert held at the park.

Financial Report

- Tom Wood reported a balance of \$23,856.91 in the account managed by the Town of Saratoga.
- The Executive Committee needs to review the vouchers on a monthly basis.

Grant Update – Drew Alberti

- Drew reported that the Greenway Grant application for \$20,000 will have a \$10,000 match from the Town of Greenwich. Saratoga County has not confirmed a \$10,000 match as of date.
- The \$250,000 Woerner legislative grant contract needs to be signed. Saratoga Associates has not sent a bill for updating the construction estimates for the GVC which were requested by DASNY. Carrie Woerner has asked DASNY to proceed with the funding process.
- An evaluation of the cost numbers for the \$400,000 Marchione GVC legislative grant needs to be done for cost efficiency. Numbers need to be clarified for the general contractor and subcontractors. Joe Finan has been the general contractor.

Gateway Visitors Center – Joe Finan

- An electrician is needed to bring service into the building.
- There are 2 opinions regarding the water hookup. The local code person indicated that we do not need a fire suppressant. A letter is needed to verify this.
- There are time limitations for Lakes to Locks funding this year. Bids are due for interior design fabrication that will not be installed until the building is ready for use. Contract needs to be signed before the end of September. Content of the exhibit needs to be reviewed. A subcommittee, consisting to Julie, Cindy, Teri, Kay and Joe Finan, will discuss and make recommendations for the content.
- If money is not available we will seek volunteer labor for inside construction.
- There is milled wood left over from exterior construction that can be used for the restroom and walls.
- Hopefully, the \$25,000 donation for installing services will include completion of grading.
- Drew reported that the Workers' Compensation needs to be reviewed. **Cindy Wian made the motion, seconded by Tom Wood, to authorize Drew to reduce Workers' Compensation coverage. Motion carried.**
- Joe Durkin, Bill Reynolds, Julie Stokes, and Kay Tomasi will review the agreement with the Village of Schuylerville. **Joe Durkin made the motion, seconded by Bill Reynolds, for the following resolution:**

Where as: The Historic Hudson Hoosic Rivers Partnership has an agreement with the Village of Schuylerville allowing the Village to construct and maintain a trailhead access and parking area for the Champlain Canalway Trail on the Gateway Visitors Center Property;

Therefore; be it resolved:

That the Historic Hudson Hoosic Rivers Partnership authorizes the preparation and execution of an amendment to the current Access and Maintenance Agreement with the Village of Schuylerville for constructing a trailhead and parking area for the Champlain Canalway Trail to allow the Village to use third party contractors for the construction thereof.

Motion carried.

- Cindy Wian reported that there was a great ribbon cutting ceremony for the trail head.

Logo

- Bill Reynolds reported that there were two student submissions for the design of a new logo.
- Consensus indicated that we should seek professional graphic design. David Bullard and Tom Richardson will pursue finding a designer.

Sword Surrender Site – Joe Finan

- Masonry contracts have been finalized
- There are no bids for paving to date.
- They hope to have contracts completed by the end of September.
- Planning for an October ceremony is underway. They will be working with the Chamber.

New Business

- Drew announced that he will be taking family leave during the months of August and September.
- **The next Board meeting will be held at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall on Monday, August 26 at 9 am.**

Future Programs

- **A Membership meeting will be held at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall on Monday, August 26 at 10 am. Janet Kennedy will be doing a presentation about the GVC Exhibit.**

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Tomasi, Secretary