



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 25, 2019

The Glass Room

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
Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee
Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust
Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee
Teri Ptacek, ASA & Governor Appointee
Sara Idleman, Town of Greenwich
Ed Kinowski, Town of Stillwater
Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park
Julie Stokes, Governor Appointee

Also attending:

Andrew Alberti, Flatley Read
Joe Finan, HHHRP r
Dave Woodin, Town of Waterford
John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trail Advocate
Frank Rooney, NYS Dept of Ag and Markets
Wendy Lukas

Chairman Tom Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

- **Teri Ptacek made the motion, seconded by Sara Idleman, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Financial Report

- Drew Alberti reported that the account managed by the Town of Saratoga has a balance of \$14,987.61.

Chairman's Report

- Saratoga County Trails Committee has agreed to match a \$10,000 Hudson River Valley Greenway grant. Details will be forthcoming.
- Saratoga County, with Town of Saratoga management, has agreed to pay approximately \$15,000 for upcoming GVC liability insurance cost. The present broker, Rose and Kiernan, will not provide this insurance. Inquiries about other brokers will be made by Tom Richardson and Drew Alberti.
- The \$25,000 donation, designated for installation of GVC utilities, was made to the Chamber of Commerce and is being managed by the Chamber.

Grants Update – Drew Alberti

- The environmental review has been done and the previous SEQR review was accepted by DASNY. The revised estimates have been submitted to the state. Approval by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee is the next step.

Gateway Visitors Center – Joe Finan

- Most of the \$25,000 donation, managed by the Chamber, has been expended for water, sewer, gas lines attached to the building, and electric inside the building. A couple of fire extinguishers were installed. Porches will need staining. A suggestion was made to place candles in the windows for the holidays. Also, suggested was using canal stones for barriers in landscaping.

Sword Surrender Site – Joe Finan

- Landscaping and instillation of cannons will take place in the spring.
- Negotiations are underway for the National Park Service to take over the site.
- Parks is willing to do landscape maintenance until negotiations are finalized.

Stewardship Plan

- Considerations for an updated Stewardship Plan should include future Partnership plans that meet state requirements, address the needs of the Partnership, and furnish more information about the Hoosic area.
- The following committee will meet after the first of the year on Jan. 13: Julie Stokes, Joe Finan, Teri Ptacek, Ed Kinowski, Cindy Wian, and Sara Idleman.

Nominating Committee

- **The following officers were nominated: Tom Richardson - Chairman, Vice Chairman – Sara Idleman, Kay Tomasi – Secretary, Bill Peck – Treasurer. Bill Reynolds made the motion,**

seconded by Cindy Wian, to elect the officers for a two-year term. Motion carried. Sara will submit a letter of request to the Greenwich Supervisor for appointment as the Greenwich representative.

Old/New Business

- Drew will contact Scott Keller about the Greenway grant. Ed Kinowski will ask the Town of Stillwater to act on behalf of the Partnership.

Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Sara Idleman, to adjourn the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Tomasi, Secretary

The 2019 Annual Meeting followed the Board meeting.