



## **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 25, 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

Chairman Tom Richardson called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:10 am. All present introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

**The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for the 2022 Class of Directors: Bill Reynolds, Teri Ptacek, and Joe Durkin. Ed Knowski made the motion, seconded by Julie Stokes, to elect the above as the 2022 Class of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.**

Tom Richardson introduced Steve Ramsey of the NYS Power Authority which has overseen the Canal Corporation since 2016. Mr. Ramsey described the current Power Authority as the largest utility in the nation. This changing industry utilizes technological advances to offer better services to the public.

Joe Maloney oversees the eastern half of the 100-year old state canal which is in good condition in the Partnership area. Maintenance and safety are the two main concerns in managing the canal.

Sasha Eisenstein talked about the Ft. Edward area. More clear signage is needed. She encouraged more participation by locals and asked them to assist with the installation of signage.

Bill Sweitzer hopes that the Canal Corp can develop good community relations. Local input would help with marketing efforts.

Steve Ramsey added that Canal Corp would help to publicize local events. They can help with parking accommodations for large events. Schools and towns need to request assistance months before an event in order to maximize assistance.

Boaters have problems accessing local recreational and historical features of the area. Local participation is important in planning the Champlain Canal's heritage tourism mission, goals, and interpretation. Currently, some bicycle loops from the canal are in the planning stage.

The Canal Corp owns the Champlain Canal in the Schuylerville area. It seeks to improve communication with the area and build relationships that will foster economic growth.

**Ed Kinowski made the motion, seconded by Julie Stokes, to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Katharine Tomasi, Secretary