

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership



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

In Attendance

Frank Rooney, NYS Dept of Ag and Markets
Sara Idleman, Town of Greenwich
Teri Ptacek, ASA
Lauren Stevens, HooWRA
Paul Marlon, Town of Halfmoon
Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust
Dennis Morreale, Village of Corinth
Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee
Julie Stokes, Gov. Appointee
Amy Bracewell, Saratoga NHP
Tim Holmes, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Joe Finan, Hudson Hoosic Partnership
Maria Trabka, Saratoga PLAN
John Sherman, Village of Schuylerville
Bill Peck, Town of Northumberland
John Mitchell, Champlain Canalway Trail Working Group
Jim Brangan, CVNHP
Dan Shaw, Town of Easton
Dave Roberts, GVC
Jeff Cleary, Office of Senator Marchione
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee
Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga
Drew Alberti, Lakes to Locks Passage

Tom Richardson opened the meeting at 10:07am with welcome and introductions.

1. Previous Meeting Notes

Brian Mumford provided the legal verbiage of the resolutions passed to amend the bylaws. John Sherman identified that his name was missing from the attendance. Kay Tomasi pointed out that she suggested that the same acronym be used for the Partnership on all documentation.

John S. moved to accept the minutes, Teri P. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Nominations & Election of Governing Board

On behalf of the nominations ad-hoc workgroup, Julie S. presented the slate of nominees.

<p>We received 4 nominations and 5 expressions of interest.</p> <p>We Nominate:</p> <p>Supervisors:</p> <p>Town of Greenwich - Sara Idleman – 3 City of Mechanicville - Thomas Richardson – 3 Town of Northumberland - Bill Peck – 1 Town of Saratoga - Thomas Wood – 3 Town of Easton - Daniel Shaw – 2 Town of Stillwater - Edward Kinowski – 1</p> <p>Appointees</p> <p>Senate - Kay Tomasi – 3 Governor – Teri Ptacek – 2 Governor - Julia Stokes – 3</p> <p>Affiliates</p> <p>Rensselaer Land Trust - Joseph Durkin - 2 Saratoga PLAN - Maria Trabka – 1</p>	<p>To show it by class – There is no limit on the number of terms that a board member can serve.</p> <p>Term to Expire:</p> <p>2018</p> <p>Saratoga PLAN – Maria Trabka Town of Northumberland – Bill Peck Town of Stillwater – Edward Kinowski</p> <p>2019</p> <p>Town of Easton – Dan Shaw Teri Ptacek Rensselaer Land Trust – Joe Durkin</p> <p>2020</p> <p>Mechanicville Supervisor – Thomas Richardson Town of Saratoga – Thomas Wood Julia Stokes Town of Greenwich – Sara Idleman Kay Tomasi</p>
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Julie S. moved to accept the slate of nominees, Dan S. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Joe D. and Maria T. reported that they are going to go to their organizational boards and request a resolution supporting their HHP board seat.

Julie S. introduced the nomination slate of officers to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

Chairman – Thomas Richardson
 Vice Chair – Sara Idleman
 Secretary – Kay Tomasi
 Treasurer – Bill Peck (Chair of the Audit Committee)

Julie S moved to accept the slate of officers, Dan S. seconded the motion, Joe D. and Maria T. abstained, and all were in favor.

3. Review of Policy and Procedure

A copy of the outlined policies and procedures will be passed to each board member for review at the next board meeting.

Joe D. and Bill P. agreed to collaborate on requesting an informal request for a record of decision to better establish HHPs identity.

4. Saratoga Surrender Site

A copy of the Saratoga Surrender Site management agreement will be passed to each board member for review at the next meeting. Julie S. asked the board to review the management agreement carefully, as there are questions regarding insurance, general construction management, and NPS's ability to take ownership of the property.

5. Gateway Visitors Center

Joe F. reported that he is working on a change order with the Timber Frame Guild (TFG) for the work this summer. There is a requirement to provide lunch and dinner for about 20 people. Some members of the TFG may want to camp at Fort Hardy Park. Joe F. will work with John S. and the new Mayor to make arrangements.

6. Status of Grants

Joe F. reported that they are still working on the funds from the Canal Corp grant as well as the \$250,000 line item. Jeff C. has also requested a letter from HHP to see if Senator Marchione can help bring additional funds to the project. Drew A. reported that he contacted the Alfred Z. Solomon Cultural Heritage Trust and received information about how to request and submit an application.

7. History Day at Washington County Fair

Sara I. reported that she had met with Amy B., Brian Mumford, and Marc St. Jacques about organizing a History Day at the Washington County Fair. Sara suggested that it would likely align on Seniors Day. Drew A. reported that he spoke with Pat Niles from Washington County Historical Society who offered to assist with the planning and help reach out to Washington County historical groups.

8. Other Business

Jim B. reported that grant funding for FY17 will soon be available. Grants include: "Making of Nations" interpretive theme grants, Heritage Area Grants, Wayside Exhibit Program, Regional Stakeholder Coordination, Annual International Summit, Passport program and the Mohegan Heritage Trail.

Jim will return in early June for a discussion on programs that we would like CVNHP to consider funding in FY18. Drew A. asked that all ideas be directed to him and he will compile a list.

Drew A. reported that the Friends of Bennington Battlefield passed a resolution pursuant of HHP membership. The organization will be invited to give a presentation at the next meeting.

Sara I. reported that Greenwich is planning an event at Hudson Crossing Park on June 17 related to their American Battlefield Protection Grant.

9. Next Meeting

Monday April 24, 2017, 10am.

[Note] The May meeting will be postponed until June 5 in observation of Memorial Day.

10. Adjournment

Joe D. moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Bill P. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectful submitted to Secretary Kay Tomasi by Drew Alberti