

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership



April 24, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

In Attendance

Board Members

Kay Tomasi, Senate Apointee
Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust
Maria Trabka, Saratoga PLAN
Julie Stokes, Gov. Appointee
Teri Ptacek, Gov. Appointee
Ed Kinowski, Town of Stillwater
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Bill Peck, Town of Northumberland
Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

John Sherman, Greater Schuylerville Youth
John Mitchell, Champlain Canalway Trail Working Group
Brit Basinger, Chazen Companies
Charles Vandreij, NYSDEC
Frank Rooney NYS Division of Agriculture & Markets
Paul Marlon, Town of Halfmoon
Peter Schaaphok, Friends of Bennington Battlefield
David Pitlyk, OPRHP
Lauren Stevens, HooWRA
Brian Mumford, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Dave Roberts, GVC
Tim Holmes, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Joe Finan, Partnership
Jeff Cleary, Senator Marchione's Office
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 Meeting Notes

3/27 Bill P. moved to accept the 3/27 meeting minutes, Kay T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

John M. pointed out that the incorrect date is listed at the top of the 4/18 minutes.

Julie S. moved to accept the minutes with the one change, Tom W. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. Friends of Bennington Battlefield

Peter Schaaphok, President of the Friends of Bennington Battlefield, made a presentation in application to the Partnership. The Friends of the Bennington Battlefield is a group in formation dedicated to the preservation and development of the location of the pivotal battle which took place on August 16, 1777. Members of the group, in collaboration with the managers of Grafton Lakes State Park, under the administration of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, (OPRHP) of New York, seek to generate public interest and appreciation of the site, to explore it archaeologically and topographically, with the objective of gaining further knowledge of the battle. A vote will be held at the next meeting.

3. Special Meeting Summary

See attached Corporate Summary.

Julie S. moved to accept the corporate summary definition, Ed K. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

4. Gateway Visitors Center

- a. Jeff Cleary that Senator Kathy Marchione and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner have secured an additional \$200,000 to support the construction of the Gateway Visitors Center. The board expressed their thanks to Jeff Cleary, Mark Luciano, Carrie Woerner and Kathy Marchione for their support.
- b. Dave R. reported that the final cement work was completed on the GVC on the day of the meeting. Dave sought the name of some local contractors that could assist with the installation of the decking at prevailing wages. There was no reply the RFP for carpentry, so the work will go out to bid again.

5. Grants & Finances

See attached. Drew A. reported that a letter was drafted to the Alfred Z. Solomon Heritage Trust to request an application and guidelines for applying for foundation support.

6. June 16 Event

Thanks was given to Mike Raucci, John Bove, Bill Peck, Roger Grout, and Devin Lander for their contributions toward the June frame raising workshop. Amy reported that she put together a press packet for workgroup review, and Ed K. offered to reach out to Grammercy, the new Saratoga County publicist, on behalf of the Partnership.

7. Executive Summary and Resolution on Identity

See minutes Section2.

- a. A workgroup was established to address Policy and Procedures relating to Contracting and procurement. Members of the workgroup include: Joe D., Joe F., and Brian M.

8. Saratoga Surrender Site

Joe F. reported that he met with Brit B., Joe D., and Brian M. to discuss the concerns the Partnership raised in regard to the Management Agreement. Joe is working to address the phasing and budget for the project, a definition of what is “substantially complete” and ensuring that funding is in place before each phase of the project is started.

9. Lakes to Locks Passage MOA

Drew A. reported that Janet Kennedy updated the Lakes to Locks MOA presented at the April 18 Special meeting, allowing Lakes to Locks to be a fiscal sponsor of partnership funds.

Julie S. moved to approve the MOA, Ed. K seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. Next Meeting

Monday June 5, 2017, 10am.

11. Adjournment

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

Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti