

# Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership

June 26, 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  
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville  
Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga  
Dan Shaw, Town of Easton  
Teri Ptacek, Governor Appointee

John Sherman, Greater Schuylerville Youth  
Lauren Stevens, HooWRA  
Dave Roberts, GVC  
Tim Holmes, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield  
Joe Finan, Partnership  
Jeff Cleary, Senator Marchione's Office  
Michelle Degarmo, Flatley Read  
Dave Perkins, Champlain Canalway Trail Working Group  
Andrew Alberti, Lakes to Locks Passage  
Janet Kennedy, Lakes to Locks Passage

Tom Richardson opened the meeting at 10:05am with welcome and introductions, and declared a quorum was present .

### **1. Previous Meeting Notes**

Corrections:

Amy Bracewell, not Julie Stokes, gave the update on the flooding near the Saratoga Monument.

Joe Durkin, not Lauren Stevens, gave the update on the Valley Falls project being funded.

**Julie S. moved to accept the minutes with the noted changes, Maria T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.**

### **2. Gateway Visitors Center Update**

The June 16 frame raising was a success. Thanks were extended to Senator Kathy Marchione, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Brian Stratton, and all that were in attendance. The framing was completed the following day and the roofing and siding is currently being installed. Tom Richardson also reported that the \$191k from Canal Corp has been received.

### **3. Grants & Finances**

Drew A. introduced a resolution for the Partnership to contract with Flatley Read (subcontract Lakes to Locks Passage) to write two CFA applications to support the construction of the Gateway Visitors Center.

**Maria T. moved to accept the resolution, Kay T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.**

Drew A. introduced a resolution authorizing Tom Richardson to sign letters of support for the two grant applications supporting the construction of the Gateway Visitors Center.

**Julie moved to accept the resolution, Maria seconded the motion, and all were in favor.**

### **4. Saratoga Surrender Site**

Tim H. reported that the Friends have approved the Surrender Site management agreement and that the agreement is now off to OSI for final approval.

Tom R. reported that he joined the Friends along with the Friends challenge grant donor and Dave Collins at the Old Bryan Inn, and the donor reaffirmed his commitment to the project.

### **5. Other business**

Dave P. reported that Washington County is writing a grant to develop a feasibility study exploring route options for the trail between Fort Ann and Ticonderoga.

**Dan S. introduced a resolution authorizing Tom Richardson to sign a letter of support for the grant application, the motion was seconded by Julie S. and all were in favor.**

**Dan S. introduced a resolution endorsing the Empire State Trail route through Washington County, the motion was seconded by Kay T. and all were in favor.**

Dave P. also reported that the Canalway Trail Supervisors and Mayors Meeting will be held on September 12. It will start at the Gateway Visitors Center then move up to Hudson Crossing Park.

Julie S. reported that an effort is underway to petition Canal Corp. and the EPA to test for additional contaminants in the soil during their testing of the flood plains.

**Julie S. introduced the motion, Maria T. seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Drew A. reported that Lakes to Locks Passage has fresh copies of the Champlain Canal, Lake George, and Lake Champlain regional brochures available in English and French upon request.

Tom R. reported that the Saratoga County Trails Committee had a meeting with the Governor's office about the trail segment from Waterford to Mechanicville.

Maria T. reported that the Feast of the Fields event will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Saratoga National Golf Club.

**6. Next Meeting**

Monday August 28, 2017, 10am.

**7. Adjournment**

Maria T. moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Kay T. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

*Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti*