

Historic Hudson - Hoosic Rivers Partnership



February 26, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

In Attendance

Sara Idleman, Town of Greenwich

Julie Stokes, Governor Appointee

Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee

Teri Ptacek, Agricultural Stewardship Association

Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust

Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville

Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

John Mitchell, CCTWG

Todd Kusmerz, Town of Moreau

Pamela Landi, Washington Co. Planning

Bob Radliff, Erie Canalway NHC

Chris Martin, Saratoga NHP

Amy Bracewell, Saratoga NHP

Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park

Kate Morse, Hudson Crossing Park

Dave Woodin, Town of Waterford

Lauren Stevens, HooWRA

Paul Marlow, Town of Halfmoon

Tracey Clothier, LA Group

Andrew Alberti, Flatley Read LLC

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

1. Previous Minutes

Julie S. presented updates for clarification on her report on the Hudson River – Community Action Group. Kay T. asked that the reference to the annual meeting be removed.

Sara I. moved to accept the minutes with the proposed changes, Julie S. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. Presentation by Tracey Clothier – CCT Action Plan

Tracey presented information on the Champlain Canalway Trail Action Plan update. She identified that she would be meeting with municipal representatives and the Saratoga National Historical Park staff to put together the plan. The \$19,000 HRVG grant requires a 1:1 match, so she was looking for in-kind support and project participation.

3. Finances

Tom R. reported that he spoke with Danielle Dwyer from OPRHP regarding the \$200,000 parks grant and she identified that the funds were forthcoming in the next few weeks. Tom also identified that he had met with Senator Betty Little, Senator Kathy Marchione, and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner about future funding opportunities. He also followed up with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner about the \$250,000 budget item that Assemblywoman Woerner had announced we would receive last June.

Drew distributed the Partnership 5-year plan, with GVC budget, operations budget, and other information. Bob Radliff offered to work with Drew to update the format. A special meeting was scheduled for later that month.

4. Gateway Visitors Center

Tom R. reported that the doors and windows have been installed, but there has not been much movement on the project. Next steps will be identified when the funding becomes available.

5. Saratoga Surrender Site

No update was provided.

6. Hudson River- Community Advisory Group

Tom W. reported that \$140,000 was tagged for the Town of Saratoga to complete portions of the Empire State Trail/Champlain Canalway Trail. Those funds are going to be used to address the area between the footbridge near Ferry St. and Hudson Crossing Park, including the crossing and the development of a Village trail masterplan.

7. Other Business

Kay T. distributed copies of letters she had drafted for municipal and non-profit membership to the partnership. She identified that the strength of the partnership is its members, and that they should reaffirm their participation and send a proxy if unavailable to attend. Drew is to distribute the letters to the group.

Julie S. reported that Scenic Hudson was setting up a meeting on 3/12.

Lauren S. reported that the Valley Falls project is moving forward thanks to the support of the Partnership. The group has selected Christine Younger of the Rensselaer Land Trust to administer the project.

Bob Radliff presented an update on the Erie Canalway NHC:

- Canal system designated as National Historical Landmark and 15 bronze plaques to be installed.

- To install 2 3-sided kiosks (NPS style) along the Champlain Canal corridor.
- Developing NYS waterways trail (paddling) guides and maps.
- Submitted a Reimagine Canals proposal for facilities serving bikers/paddlers.
- Funding of Matton Shipyard revitalization project in Cohoes.
- Annual Report-Find Your Park Itineraries
- Booth at Adirondack Sports & Fitness Expo with Saratoga NHP.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the HHHRP is to be held on Monday March 26, 2018, 10am.

Adjournment

Teri P. moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05AM, Julie S. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti