

# ***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

Maria Trabka, Saratoga PLAN

Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust

Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville

Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

John Mitchell, CCTWG

Pamela Landi, Washington Co. Planning

Bob Radliff, Erie Canalway NHC

Amy Bracewell, Saratoga NHP

Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park

Kate Morse, Hudson Crossing Park

Paul Marlow, Town of Halfmoon

Dave Perkins, CCTWG

Frank Rooney, NYS Dept AG&MKTS

Keith Swenson, Friends of the IBA

Joe Finan, HHP

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**

**Tom W. moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Joe D., and all were in favor.**

## **2. Event Opportunities**

Tom Richardson reported that he has spoken to Pete Bardunais from the Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce and he had invited the Partnership to participate in community events in Waterford in June and Schuylerville in October.

## **3. Finances**

Drew A. distributed copies of the Parks funding budget and made copies Bob Radliff's Partnership financial statement. The reports showed our balance as well as a detail of how the NYSORHP 2017 grant funds were distributed. Julie S. asked for additional details, and questioned whether we should stop work until additional funded was allocated.

Joe F. reported that he had been in touch with the comptroller's office regarding the Stewardship Fund and was to learn more about how the fund might be activated.

Tom R. reported that he had been in touch with Michael Yevoli from NYS Empire State Development (ESD) and had requested that Drew draft a letter to him about our visitor's center project.

Drew is to distribute digital copies of Bob R.'s financial statement.

#### **4. Taste of New York**

Joe F. reported that he and Drew had spoken to a representative from Taste of NY regarding the Gateway Visitors Center to see if there might be funding available to develop a Taste of NY visitor destination, but they did not get a sense that this would help in the completion of the visitors center construction.

#### **5. Saratoga Surrender Site**

Drew A. reported that the Friends continue to make headway on their fundraising for the Saratoga Surrender Site. A meeting had been held to discuss the concept design of the donor recognition pieces, and the completed construction draws were to be done soon. It is unlikely that the Friends are going to complete fundraising for 2018 construction, but Joe D. pointed out that this is only year 1 of a 3 year agreement.

#### **6. Membership Letters**

Kay T. distributed copies of the letters to municipalities and non-profits asking for resolutions to reaffirm their membership and appoint a designated participant. Julie S. asked whether we might consider moving to quarterly membership meetings.

#### **7. Hudson River- Community Advisory Group**

Julie S. reported that Peter Lopez from the EPA was to be in Schuylerville on Thursday 3/29 and requested participation. She stressed the importance of a good turnout from the community and its stakeholders.

#### **8. Other Business**

Amy Bracewell identified that the NPS was holding a "March Madness" event, and asked that people go on Facebook to vote for Saratoga National Historical Park.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the HHHRP is to be held on Monday April 30, 2018, 10am.

#### **Adjournment**

Julie S. moved to adjourn the meeting, Kay T. seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

*Respectful submitted by Drew Alberti*