

Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership

Board Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2018

Hudson Riverside Park (Hudson Crossing Park), 5149 County Route 113, Town of Greenwich, NY

Board Members Attending:

Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville

Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

Maria Trabka, Saratoga PLAN

Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee

Julie Stokes, Governor Appointee

Teri Ptacek, ASA, Governor Appointee

Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust

Sara Idleman, Town of Greenwich

Also Attending:

David Woodin, Town of Waterford

Joe Finan, HHHRP

Dennis Morreri, Village of Corinth

Lorraine Merghart Ballard, Battenkill Conservancy

Pam Landi, Washington County Planning

Lauren R. Stevens, Hoosic River Watershed Association

Kate Morse, Hudson Crossing Park

Dave Roberts, Partnership

Darryl Dumas, Hudson Crossing Park

Keith Swensen, Friends of IBA

Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and thanked Hudson Riverside Park for hosting the meeting.

Sara Idleman, Kate Morse, and Darryl Dumas talked about the beginning of the Hudson Riverside Park. The DASNY contract that will give financial support is moving through the process. Meanwhile volunteers are restoring the buildings and working on the grounds.

All introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Minutes

- Sara Idleman made the motion, seconded by Tom Wood, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report

- Drew Alberti sent financial information. Currently, \$66, 105.83 are available.

Executive Committee Report

- Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Teri Ptacek, to approve Tom Richardson's signing of the Flatley Read Inc. contract. Motion carried. Drew will be asked to print 2 official copies for signing.
- Joe Durkin questioned the provisions of the presented Purchasing and Procurement Policy. Joe Durkin, Dave Roberts, and Julie Stokes will revise the policy and present a draft at the next meeting. Consideration will be given to restrictions that will make the bidding process difficult. Dave Roberts suggested that we contemplate the use of "bid packages" and the "build-design" route.

Visitors Center – Dave Roberts

- Siding has been stored by Curtis Lumber but the stain is on back order. Volunteers are needed to do the staining. Dave will approach the Schuylerville School National Honor Society and Tech classes about making the staining a community service project. He will also contact the Chamber of Commerce. Consensus indicated that such service merits a donation of \$200-300.

Grant Updates – sent by Drew Alberti

- I spoke to Brad Fahsel at Ways and Means (9/20) re: the DASNY grant. He said that he has completed the packet for senior review. He expects his higher ups to review the bid packet next week. If all goes well we will hear from DASNY with a Project Information Sheet. Hopefully, we will have a project number by next month.
- I requested an application from Alfred Z Solomon and followed up more than once. I have not gotten a response.

Additional Executive Committee Recommendations

- The Board needs to discuss membership fees for the upcoming year. Separate fees for non-profits and municipalities were suggested. Consideration was given to \$200 for municipalities and \$50 for non-profits but final decision was tabled. A vote to approve fees can take place at the Annual Membership meeting in December. A letter can go out to members after the meeting if fees are established.
- A 2019 Operating Budget should be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Board can vote on a proposal next month. Board liability insurance needs to be a part of the budget.

Chairman Tom Richardson thanked Dennis Morreale for hosting the August meeting in Corinth. Dennis reported that the interpretive signs have been placed along the Hudson River.

Champlain Canalway Trail Update – Tom Wood

- Supervisor Tom Wood reported that an additional \$140,000 is needed to complete the project. They anticipate the trail will be ready for the public next summer.

Upcoming Events

- The Schuylerville Fall Festival will be held on October 7 from noon to 4. The main floor of the Visitors Center can be opened for Partnership and non-profits to display promotional information.
- The ASA's 17th Annual Landscapes for Landsake Art Show will be held Columbus Day Weekend in Coila, New York.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 29th at 10 am. Location to be finalized.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katharine Tomasi, Secretary