

HISTORIC HUDSON-HOOSIC RIVERS PARTNERSHIP

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 29 , 2019

Conference Room on right before the regular meeting room

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Partnership's mission is to preserve, enhance and develop historic, agricultural, scenic, natural and recreational resources and the significant waterways within the Partnership Region. Through the tradition of municipal home rule, the Partnership will foster collaborative projects with pertinent non-profit and governmental entities with an emphasis on both agricultural and open space protection, economic and tourism development and interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage.

Board Members Attending:

Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville

Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee

Julie Stokes, Governor Appointee

Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust

Sara Idleman, Town of Greenwich

Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee

Teri Ptacek, ASA

Ed Knowski, Town of Stillwater

Also attending:

Joe Finan, HHHRP

Andrew Alberti, Flatley Read

Molly Holt, Flatley Read

John Mitchell, Trail Advocate

Chairman Tom Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:06. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report:

Two changes were made: (1) page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet from top – delete Joe Durkin indicated that the eligibility for a SAM grant is still questionable. (2) page 3, Sword Surrender Site – delete The memorial has been funded by the Ft. Miller Group. **Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Sara Idleman, to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

Chairman's Report:

- The program to be presented by the NYS Power Authority/Canal Corp has been canceled. They will be asked to reschedule the program.
- A letter was sent to DEC to facilitate a meeting. Joe Durkin, Joe Finan, and Tom Richardson will follow-up with a meeting to discuss the relationship between DEC and the Partnership.
- Joe Finan reported that the installation of utilities, covered by a \$25,000 donation, will commence in the next 2 weeks. Remaining materials from prior construction will be used for framing. Proposals have been submitted for the installation of utilities.
- Drew Alberti reported that the paper work for \$250,000 Carrie Woerner legislative grant administered by DASNY has been done. They have requested updated quotes for the work. We will seek qualified quotes from qualified vendors.
- Drew reported that the \$400,000 Kathy Marchione legislative grant is out of the Senate and at DASNY. We need to resubmit qualified quotes for estimates and to have a certificate to support that the grant will retain jobs and/or create new jobs. Contact will be made with Commissioner Yevoli of the Department of Economic Development.
- A pre-construction meeting for the Empire State Trail will be held today.

Financial Report: Tom Wood

- There is \$28,136.53 in the Partnership account managed by the Town of Saratoga. Interest earned by the Town account is divided proportionately among its various accounts.
- The consensus was to deposit income from the membership drive in the Town account and not open another account. Checks will be written payable to HHHRP.

Sword Surrender Site:

- Construction will begin soon.

Partnership/Empire State Trail Access Agreement:

- There needs to be consistency in all documents pertaining to the Partnership granting access to the Empire State Trail. The Partnership needs to be added to documents when the contractor contacts his insurer. The Partnership, Town of Saratoga, and Village of Schuylerville should be named and have copies of documents.
- Joe Durkin needs an Executive Summary to amend the access agreements.
- **Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Sara Idleman, to authorize Tom Richardson to sign an access agreement which allows access by the Town of Saratoga on Partnership property for the construction of the Empire State Trail. Motion carried.**

Logo:

- Bill Reynolds reported that Schuylerville students will submit 3 suggested logos for the Partnership. The Board will select one. PR is needed to showcase the project.

Stewardship Plan:

- The update proposal is not currently feasible. Tom Richardson will contact Tracy Clothier for other options. A plan is important in grant applications. The consensus was to move forward with application for a \$10,000 grant to be matched by in-kind services for a \$20,000 proposal.

Future Programs:

- **On May 28<sup>th</sup> Scott Keller will do a presentation at the Rogers Island facility in Fort Edward about the Hudson River Valley and Hudson River Safety Committee at 10 am. The Board meeting will be held at 9 am.**
- Julie Stokes will see if the NYS Power Authority/Canal Corp presentation is available for June 24<sup>th</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Richardson reviewed the early part of this meeting for those who arrived late. Those late had the wrong time for the Board meeting.

Sara Idleman made the motion, seconded by Tom Wood, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katharine Tomasi, Secretary