

HISTORIC HUDSON-HOOSIC RIVERS PARTNERSHIP

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 28 , 2019

Rogers Island Visitors Center

11 Rogers Island Drive off Route 197, Fort Edward, 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

Bill Reynolds, Senate Appointee

Teri Ptacek, ASA

Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park

Also attending:

Joe Finan, HHHRP

Andrew Alberti, Flatley Read

Chairman Tom Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:24. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

- Page 2, Partnership/Empire State Trail Agreement
 - 1st bullet revised: There was a brief discussion In connection with the construction of a segment of the Empire State Trail along with a public access and parking area at the Partnership Visitor Center. During the discussion it was noted that the various contracts and documents should be reviewed to ensure that they adequately address the agreements and understandings of all the involved parties. Specific issues include such items as; is the Partnership obligated to keep the trail open to the public, who is responsible for maintenance?
 - 2nd bullet delete: Joe Durkin needs an Executive Summary to amend the access agreement.

- 3rd bullet revised: Following a brief discussion of the purpose and content thereof, **Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Sara Idleman, to authorize Tom Richardson to sign an agreement which allows the Town of Saratoga and its contractor access to the Partnership Visitor Center property for the construction of a section of the Empire State Trail.**
- **Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Tom Wood, to accept the minutes as corrected.**

Treasurer's Report

- Tom Wood reported a balance of \$28,693.86 in the Partnership account managed by the Town of Saratoga.
- Three memberships from the Town of Fort Edward, Town of Northumberland, and Town of Saratoga were included in the balance.

Chairman Richardson asked Drew Alberti, Administrator by contract, to have on file an updated membership list, hard copy of the minutes and attachments, and all legal documents.

Grants Update – Drew Alberti

- There were at least 12 support letters submitted with the application for a \$10,000 Greenway grant.
- The \$250,000 Carrie Woerner legislative grant is currently in DASNY. The format of the old quotes were not accepted. Joe Finan will meet with Saratoga Associates to update numbers based upon early estimates. HHHRP will ask Carrie Woerner to help expedite the process.
- The \$400,000 Kathy Marchione legislative grant paperwork has been completed. New estimates will also be needed to fulfill the grant requirements.
- **Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Joe Durkin to authorize a \$5000 cap for payment of updating estimate numbers. Motion carried.**

Tom Richardson reported that application for a Saratoga County grant (\$10,000) will be made to match the application for Greenway Stewardship grant (\$10,000) to the update of HHHRP Stewardship Plan. Total cost of update by LA Group will be \$20,000.

Gateway Visitors Center – Joe Finan

- Propane gas installation will need a permit.
- Fire suppression will not be needed. A letter from the Code Enforcement Officer for Saratoga County and the Town of Saratoga should verify this interpretation.
- Rose & Kiernan Inc will classify GVC as an empty building.

Sword Surrender Site – Joe Finan

- Current erosion needs to be addressed.
- Estimates for paving are needed.
- Some signs are ready for the opening which is planned for October 17, the date of the surrender. Entrance signs are still needed.

Partnership Classification

- Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- Tom Richardson, Joe Finan, and Joe Durkin are still trying to meet with DEC. A registered letter was sent but there has been no response from DEC. Drew will resend the letter by email.

Logo – Bill Reynolds

- Art students at Schuylerville Central are working on the project.

Future Programs

- The NYS Power Authority/ Canal Corp presentation is scheduled for November 25.
- The Board will meet at the Saratoga Town Hall on Monday, June 24 at 9 am. There will be no membership program meeting.
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Teri Ptacek made the motion, seconded by Julie Stokes, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Katharine Tomasi, Secretary