



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2020

The Glass 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
Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee
Joe Durkin, Rensselaer Land Trust
Teri Ptacek, ASA & Governor Appointee
Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park
Julie Stokes, Governor Appointee
Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga

Also attending:

Andrew Alberti, Flatley Read
Joe Finan, HHRP
Dave Woodin, Town of Waterford

Chairman Tom Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

- **Tom Wood made the motion, seconded by Julie Stokes, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Financial Report

- Tom Wood reported that the account managed by the Town of Saratoga has a balance of \$7548.27.

- Tom Richardson reported that Saratoga County will fund the upcoming \$15,000 insurance bill for the GVC. This reflects the belief that the GVC will have a positive effect upon the economy of the county. A letter of thanks will be sent to Saratoga County. Tom will try to find a company that will have a lower premium than Rose & Kiernan.

Chairman's Report

- Joe Finan and Tom Richardson will schedule a meeting with Assemblyman Steve Englebright to discuss inclusion of a Partnership line item in the state budget and the status of legislative grants amounting to \$600,000. We also need to reach out to our state legislators for support.
- A meeting with Dan Carpenter, the Mayor of Schuylerville, was also suggested.

Grants Update

- There is a question about the GVC project grants being financed with bond money.
- Tom Richardson will contact Senator Jordan about the Marchione legislative grant.
- Tom Richardson will contact Don Ward about the Greenway grant award. The Town of Greenwich had authorized sponsorship and financial management of this Partnership grant to update the Stewardship Plan.
- Tom Richardson will contact Ed Kinowski to organize a future Stewardship Plan meeting which had been scheduled for January 13.

Gateway Visitors Center

- Joe Finan was thanked for removing the Christmas decorations.

Sword Surrender Site

- There have been communications regarding the roles of the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield and Open Space Institute as stated in a 2017 agreement that ends in November. If negotiations for transfer from OSI to the National Park Service are finalized before the agreement ends in November FOSB, OSI, and HHHRP will have completed their obligations. Otherwise, HHHRP will fulfill their responsibilities until the agreement ends in November. Tom R. will encourage Katie Petronis of OSI and April May of National Parks to complete the transfer as soon as possible.
- Discussion included the importance of opening to the public in the spring. There are no excuses for not opening after the winter season is over.
- Currently, OSI needs to be listed in the insurance contract.

Membership

- The membership list needs to be accurate and updated. We have mentioned that we represent approximately 150,00 residents. Julie Stokes will work with Drew to update the list.

Old/New Business

- Julie Stokes reported that the Eagle Scout project of renovating and/or replacing kiosks on area Empire State Trail has been approved.

Julie Stokes made the motion, seconded by Teri Ptacek, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Katharine Tomasi, Secretary

A Membership Program followed the Board meeting: Presentations by Jay Lorenzo of the Preservation League of NYS and Bob Radliff of the Erie Canalway NHC.

The next Board meeting will be held in the Glass Room of the Saratoga Town Hall on Monday, February 24 at 9 am.