

April 25, 2011
10:06 AM
Town of Saratoga Town Hall

In attendance:

Voting Members

Officers

Chair - Tom Richardson, Supervisor, City of Mechanicville

Secretary - Kay Tomasi, Senate Appointee

Members

Tom Wood, Supervisor, Town of Saratoga

Sara Idleman, Supervisor, Town of Greenwich

Nelson Ronsvale, Grant Coordinator, Town of Halfmoon

David Doonan, Mayor, Village of Greenwich

Teri Ptacek, Agriculture Stewardship Association

Julie Stokes, Saratoga P.L.A.N.

Ed Kinowski, Supervisor, Town of Stillwater

Attendees

Alan and Marlene Bissell, Hudson Crossing Park

Brit Basinger, Saratoga Associates

John Hayes, Prospect Hill Cemetery Association

Scott Keller, Hudson River Valley Greenway

Linda Palmeri, Town Historian, Stillwater

John Diamara, NYS Canal Corp.

Tim Holmes, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield

BarbaraPrice, Battenkill Transition Communities

Andrew Alberti, Lakes to Locks Passage

Kurt Kress, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Patricia Pierce, Prospect Hill Cemetery

Devin Lander, NYS Assemblyman Steven Englebright's office

At 10:06am Tom Richardson called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and visitors.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2011 meeting was made by David Doonan and seconded by Tom Wood, to be passed unanimously.

New Business

Vote to add CanalCorp as a Partner – Tom Richardson

A motion was made by Nelson Ronsvale, seconded by Kate Tomasi and passed unanimously, to accept a resolution adding the CanalCorp as a partner of The Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership.

Saratoga Associates Sword Surrender Project Update – Brit Basinger

Brit Basinger mentioned she and Nelson Ronsvale walked the site and explored the entire area. Joe Finan and OSI are working with adjacent landowners for screening and access. Saratoga Associates will have a draft plan by the end of next month and will meet with The Partnership committee. Brit also discussed the Mighty Waters initiative Congressman Tonko has created, similar to The Partnership, and noted it be a good idea to bring our groups together – meeting June 8, 2011.

Nelson Ronsvale as if all the Erie Canal was included

Brit Basinger answered essentially where the Erie meets the Hudson and Mohawk.

Old Town of Saratoga Town Hall Project Update – Tom Wood, Tom Richardson

Tom Richardson discussed meeting with OPRHP, Senate Finance, Tom Wood, Jim Thompson, Joe Finan and Tim Holmes – the County will receive funding.

Andrew Alberti noted LTLP is studying the area with a grant from the Erie Canalway.

Brit Basinger noted ownership helps for future funding,

Tom Richardson said all of the mentioned is being considered for discussion.

Other Business

Tom Richardson mentioned on May 15, 2011 at 9am there will be a reenactment of Col. Ellsworth burial and the event expects up to as many as 1000 people.

Ed Kinowski discussed the letter to DOT regarding Route 4. A motion was made to accept the resolution and letter to DOT by Ed Kinowski, seconded by Julie Stokes to be passed unanimously.

Alan Bissell noted there is no bikeway on Route 9 as well.

Ed Kinowski suggested a bikeway could be created out of extra stone.

Linda Palmieri mentioned the Blockhouse will be opening in May and would love to offer different group's brochures.

Tom Richardson asked about bike tour.

Teri Ptacek mentioned a proposal to GE was put in; also working on getting a Greenway Grant, won't know until June 17th and would like a letter of support from The Partnership.

Marlene Bissell noted the Hudson Crossing Triathlon June 12th and The Partnership can have a table.

Sara Idleman asked how many participants there were.

Marlene Bissell answered 200 this year, 165 last year.

Andrew Alberti mentioned the National Geographic website only has 70 entries from entities other than LTLP and urged everyone to enter content.

Scott Keller noted the Greenway received an award for best new trail network.

Julie Stokes discussed Saratoga P.L.A.N passport program for kids – get a free t-shirt.

Marlene Bissell noted the passport program will be cross promoted by Hudson Crossing. She also mentioned that Earth Week was very successful – 10 tons of recycled electronics were collected.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sara Idleman and seconded by Ed Kinowski to be passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on June 27, 2011 at 10AM in the same location.