



MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2023, 4:30 PM

Westmoreland Town Offices, 100 Station Road, Westmoreland

Present

Chairperson Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland) *
Chuck Hebbard (T. of Westmoreland) *
Robert Rockwell (V. of Clinton) *
Larry Stern (V. of Waterville)
Gene Whipple (T. of Sangerfield)
Matt Baisley (Oneida County DPW)
Jake Voelker (NYSDOT)
Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
John Salka (Congressman Williams)
Brian Miller (NYS Assembly)
John Acee (Westmoreland School District)
Denise Szarek (Westmoreland School District)
Bernie Szarek (Westmoreland School District)

Pam Murphy (Westmoreland School District)
Christine Calogero (Westmoreland School District)
Emily Baker (Hamilton College)
Steven Johnston (Citizen- Kirkland)
Sharleen Machold (Citizen- Kirkland)
Peter Atkinson (Citizen- Kirkland)
Kenneth Ellis (Citizen- Kirkland)
Bob Jarrett (Citizen- Kirkland)
Liseli Haines (Citizen- Clinton)
Johnathan Woodward (Citizen- Clinton)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)
Jeff Rehler (HOCCPP Staff)

*Authorized or alternate voting representative

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Jon Scott. The June 15, 2023 meeting minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

Sherman Brook Study

Alyssa F. mentioned that Ramboll was collecting additional tributary data. A final public engagement meeting is planned for Fall 2023.

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program - Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) Initiative

Kristin C. shared that Oriskany Creek's submission for technical assistance has been approved by FEMA. This program will help determine the needs of the watershed. Additional details including timeframes and FEMA contact have yet to be determined.

Oneida County Flood Mitigation Grant: Oriskany Creek Watershed Study

Oriskany Creek was approved for \$100,000 in flood mitigation grant funds at the 7/12 Oneida County Board of Legislators Meeting. Oneida County will distribute these funds via a voucher program.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$14,748.96.

Member Reports

Clinton – Trees were planted near the site of a recent water main break as part of the Buffer in a Bag Program.

Kirkland - The Town is collecting additional information regarding the Fountain Street area to move forward with the St. Mary's Brook study.

Waterville – NYSDOT work on a culvert off Main St. is proceeding (near the old tannery, dam, and current Stewart's). Trout Unlimited is doing downstream work.

Westmoreland – Discussion about venue/meeting scheduling at Westmoreland Town Offices arose. An idea was proposed to distance the OCWC meetings from earlier seniors' meetings on Thursdays as there was difficulty re-arranging the space for OCWC. The OCDPW building was pitched as a possible alternate meeting location. For now, meetings will remain at Westmoreland Town Offices and a yearly meeting schedule will be prepared to allow advance notice of meetings.

Other Business

Emily Baker, Assistant Professor of Geosciences at Hamilton College, mentioned that she is interested in researching water quality and looking for research opportunities and project ideas.

John Salka, Congressman Brandon Williams (District 22), mentioned Congressman Williams is on a transportation/infrastructure committee that is working to appropriate a record amount of federal funds. The Congressman's Office is available to answer inquiries and provide letters of support for federal grant funding opportunities.

Brian Miller, NYS Assembly (District 122), indicated an intent to attend or send representatives to future OCWC meetings.

Kristin C. notified attendees the application deadline for NYS EFC Grants and NYS DEC- WQIP grants was extended from July 28 to August 11, 2023 in response to the flooding in the north.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date is August 17, 2023, at the Kirkland Town Offices at 4:30 pm.
The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.