



MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2022 4:30 PM
Town of Kirkland Offices
3699 NY-12B
Clinton, NY 13323

Present

Chairperson Jon Scott (T. of Kirkland)
Dave Glen (T. of Whitestown)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)
Ken Ellis (Resident)
Jonathan Woodward (Resident)

Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton)
Steve Bellona (V. of Clinton)
Amy Heiderich (HOCCPP Staff)
Shaileen Machold (Resident)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 by Jon S. Elizabeth T. made a motion to approve the October 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Dave Glen second, anonymous approval.

Proposed Budget

Whitestown's budget was approved to contribute to the OCWC

Kirkland budget not approved yet. There were questions at the Town Board meeting that did not get answered at the time. Jon S. will get those questions answered.

Vote is tabled to the December 2022 meeting.

Outreach to Municipalities

Amy H. suggested that we begin setting up times to present to Town Boards. The presentation is almost complete. Amy H. will add pictures from a few Sauquoit Creek project successes then get feedback on presentation.

MS4

Kristin C. informed the commission that Clinton, Kirkland, Whitestown, Westmoreland, and Oriskany are part of the MS4.

Kristin C. mentioned that some local communities were audited regarding their MS4 permits and SCBIC was looking for a way to assist. In the Syracuse area, there is a water coalition set up to assist with MS4 issues. SCBIC is looking to do the same with a subcommittee to address Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) 1 & 2 (Public Education & Outreach and Public Participation).

SCBIC will be addressing the coalition in January and will reach out to the municipalities within the MS4 boundary individually to attend the meeting.

Jon S. stated that Kirkland was audited, and all was ok as far as he knew regarding water quality testing. This was several years ago though, and several staffing changes at the DEC may contribute to the current audits not passing.

The question of consultants was brought up. Kristin C. stated that this is the easiest and often times only way to get through the MCMs with MS4 since the process is so time consuming. Oneida County did do some mapping, but no staff for data collection. The coalition is more likely to receive grant money to hire a consultant to ensure MCMs are met.

Treasurer's Report

Since this is a new account and the budget has not been passed yet, Amy H. stated that the account still only holds the minimum of \$30.00 at this time.

Motion to pass the report made by Elizabeth T., second by Dave G. Motion passed unanimously.

EIN and Bank Account

Jon S. signed the letter to the Internal Revenue Service to change the legal name associated with the EIN to Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission. Amy H. will mail back to the IRS.

Dave G. and Elizabeth T. still have to go to Key Bank in Clinton to add their names to the account.

Member Reports

Representatives from the Villages of Oriskany & Waterville were absent.

Town of Whitestown – Dave G. reported that there will be progress on the MS4 Coalition in January.

Town of Kirkland – Sherman Brook Study can be considered signed. It will be sent to Shaun G. at Ramboll soon. Jon S. stated he should be able to vote on the budget in December.

Village of Clinton – Elizabeth T. will check into MS4 in Clinton. She is unaware of any activity at this time. Amy H. mentioned to check to see if Clinton was exempt.

Comments from Public Attendees

No comments at this meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date is December 15, 2022 at the Kirkland Town Offices at 4:30 pm.
The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.