

**NIAGARA POWER COALITION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 – Following HCSC Meeting
Niagara County Department of Economic Development
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One
Sanborn, New York 14132

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni performed roll call:

Representatives Present:

Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent / Chairperson, HCSC
Paul Casseri, Superintendent
William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Legislature
Scott Hapeman, Esq.
Lee Wallace, Supervisor
Ron Winkley, Acting Supervisor
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.

Niagara Falls City School District
Lewiston Porter School District
Niagara County
Niagara Wheatfield School District
Town of Niagara
Town of Lewiston
City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:

Thomas Burgasser, Esq.
Jackie Siegmann
Angelo Massaro, Esq.
Steve Broderick

Niagara County
Town of Niagara
Niagara Falls School District
Supervisor Elect, Town Lewiston

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody
Samuel M. Ferraro, Executive Director/Commissioner, Niag. Co. Dept of Economic Development

3.0 NPC Officers

Mr. Ross explained that John Baird, who has been treasurer since 2007, doing all the books absolutely free in a volunteer capacity, is in the hospital and may not return for a long while. Therefore, they will be looking today for an interim Treasurer who can sign checks; and as he will be retiring he can only sign checks until December 31, 2015. Mr. Ross suggested Mr. Winkley act as interim Treasurer. Mr. Widger explained that they really need to look beyond December 31st because we will not have a meeting until January 26th and Mr. Winkley will not be Acting Supervisor after January 1st. Mr. Widger suggested putting individuals in place who can serve until the March 2016 organizational meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to appoint Lee Wallace as Interim Treasurer until the organizational meeting in March, 2016, seconded by Ms. Bianco. Motion passed.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to appoint Ms. Bianco Chairperson of the Niagara Power Coalition. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to appoint Ms. Bianco and Mr. Wallace as signatories on the Bank of America NPC account.

4.0 Correspondence – None.

5.0 Other Matters

Ms. Bianco recognized Chairperson Ross for his years of service to the Niagara Power Coalition and Host Communities Standing Committee and wished him the best in his retirement. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and read as follows: "Certificate of Appreciation presented William L. Ross; Thank you for all your time, effort and interest you have shown over the years in helping to bring to fruition the 50-year Relicensing Agreement with NYPA; Your selfless dedication and support is an inspiration to others. We hope you enjoy your retirement...you will be sadly missed."

6.0 Next Meeting – To be Determined

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hapeman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Secretary