

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 12:00 p.m.

Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Sanborn, New York 14132

Representatives Present:

Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent / Chairperson, HCSC
Chris Roser, Superintendent/Vice Chairperson, HCSC
Lou Paonessa (via Teleconference)
William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Legislature
Scott Hapeman, Superintendent
Jackie Siegmann
Dennis Brochey
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.

Niagara Falls City School District
Lewiston Porter School District
New York Power Authority
Niagara County
Niagara Wheatfield School District
Town of Niagara
Town of Lewiston
City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:

Joseph Jastrzemski, Supervisor, Town of Wilson
Thomas Burgasser, Esq.
Michael Risman, Esq.
Paul Kloosterman

Wilson Harbor Revitalization Project
Niagara County
Town of Niagara
Town of Lewiston

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody (via Teleconference)
Samuel M. Ferraro, Executive Director/Commissioner - Niagara County Center for Economic Development

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Bianco called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll. Louis Paonessa from the New York Power Authority was present via teleconference.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Cynthia Bianco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2014

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve the meeting minutes of November 25, 2014. Motion passed.

6.0 Niagara County

6.1 **City of Lockport Locks District Gateway Exhibit – C. Bell, Planning & Development Director (Determined Consistent by NRCG on 3/18/2014; Approved for funding in the amount of \$160,200 by Niagara County on 8/05/2014)**

Mr. Bell explained that the Project includes capital improvements to both ends of Canal Street. Specifically, signage will be developed to draw attention to the Lockport Locks, delineate the "Locks District" and interpret the development of the Locks since the parallel "Flight of Five" locks were originally constructed. This is an area of significant investment and tremendous importance to the community as demonstrated by the 3-year process of planning for interpretation of the historic assets in the heart of Lockport. This will enhance the visitor experience. The signage will tell the story of the locks and draw attention to the most historically significant asset in Lockport.

6.0 Niagara County (Continued...)

**6.2 City of Lockport Locks District Gateway Exhibit – C. Bell, Planning & Development Director
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Mr. Widger stated that this project meets all procedural requirements and the protocols provide specifically for telephonic voting (i.e. Mr. Paonessa). A motion was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve the request for funding in the amount of \$160,200 for the City of Lockport Locks District Gateway Exhibit Project.

A roll call vote was taken.

<i>Town of Lewiston</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Town of Niagara</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Lewiston Porter</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>City of Niagara Falls</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Niagara-Wheatfield</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Niagara County</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>New York Power Authority</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Niagara Falls Schools</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>

The resolution was thereupon approved.

7.0 Update: 3-Year HCSC Audit – S. Hapeman

Mr. Hapeman reported that two responses were received as a result of the RFP for the 3-year audit of the HCSC. One bid in the amount of \$9,100 and another in the amount of \$6,300. However, additional information is required from the responses and a meeting will be held in late March to make a decision on the bids.

8.0 NYPA Request – Response Due February 15, 2015

Mr. Widger stated that all members have received a request from NYPA as a result of a statutory provision enacted last year that requires certain reporting requirements. The letter and statute are self-explanatory, basically asking for information on what has been done with power allocations and funding. Board packets include responses similar in nature that were provided to NYPA in 2012. Mr. Widger asked that members please forward their responses to Mary by February 10th in order for her to forward to NYPA by the February 15th deadline. Members are welcome to contact Mr. Widger with any questions or concerns on the request.

9.0 Any Other Matters – None.

10.0 Next Meeting: March 24, 2015

11.0 Adjournment

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roser, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary