

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 – 12:00 p.m.

Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Sanborn, New York 14132

Representatives Present:

Mark Laurrie	Niagara Falls City School District
Paul Casseri, Superintendent	Lewiston Porter School District
Lou Paonessa	New York Power Authority
Tom Burgasser, Esq.	Niagara County
Scott Hapeman, Esq.	Niagara Wheatfield School District
Lee Wallace, Supervisor	Town of Niagara
Steve Broderick, Supervisor	Town of Lewiston
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.	City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:

Bernie Rotella	Presenter
Angelo Massaro, Esq.	Niagara Falls City School District
Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara
Wright Ellis, Supervisor	Town of Cambria
Tim Lockhart	Village of Youngstown
Tom Prohaska	Buffalo News
Josh Maloni	Niagara Publications

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody – Via Teleconference

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson O'Donnell called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson O'Donnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2016

Mr. Paonessa made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve the meeting minutes of September 27, 2016. Motion passed.

6.0 Town of Lewiston

6.1 Town of Lewiston Mohawk Trail – B. Rotella

(Approved for funding in the amount of \$13,958 by Town of Lewiston on 11/7/2016; Determined Consistent by NRC on 1/17/2017)

Mr. Rotella explained the Town of Lewiston is requesting funding for the purpose of completing the missing link in the Lower Niagara River/Seaway Trail system, specifically connecting the Lewiston Pathway into the Village of Lewiston from its termination point on 9th and Seneca Streets. The trail will extend within existing Village right-of-ways on 9th Street and Mohawk Street. Presently there is a large section of trail missing that fails to serve the public with connective trails to other amenities. This project will connect to existing trail systems and link the system to several Village/Town parks.

6.0 Town of Lewiston

6.1 Town of Lewiston Mohawk Trail (Continued...)

A motion was made by Mr. Casseri and seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve the request for funding in the amount of \$13,958 for the Town of Lewiston Mohawk Trail project.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The resolution was thereupon approved.

7.0 Niagara County

**7.1 Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk – B. Rotella
(Determined Consistent by NRCG on 1/19/2016; Approved for funding in the amount of \$100,000 by Niagara County on 11/15/2016)**

Mr. Rotella explained that the Village of Youngstown is requesting funding to install a sidewalk connecting Water Street to Main Street in the Village of Youngstown. The sidewalk will be located alongside the current Water Street, off of Main Street (Rte. 18F). The Village has decided to request funds from the Greenway funds due to its proximity and access to the Village's waterfront access point. Once completed, this will link Water Street to Main Street and create a continuous safe sidewalk for pedestrians to access the waterfront and local amenities. Signage will also be added to the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Burgasser, to approve the request for funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk project.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The resolution was thereupon approved.

7.2 Town of Cambria Park Improvement – B. Rotella
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$80,000 by Niagara County on 8/4/2015; Determined Consistent by NRCG on 11/17/2015 and approved for funding on 12/1/2015; Approved for additional funding in the amount of \$90,000 by Niagara County on 11/15/2016)

Mr. Rotella explained that the original request for funding of this project was for \$250,000, of which \$80,000 was granted in 2015. Town engineers revised construction costs to reflect a new total project budget of \$554,792, over \$100,000 from original estimates. Niagara County has agreed to fund an additional \$90,000 at this time, and the Town of Cambria will be providing the balance of funding required to complete the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgasser and seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve the request for funding in the amount of \$90,000 for the Town of Cambria Park Improvement project.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The resolution was thereupon approved.

8.0 Any other Matters

- 8.1 Minutes of NRCG Meeting: November 15, 2016 (*Informational Only*)
- 8.2 Minutes of NRCG Meeting: January 17, 2017 (*Informational Only*)

10.0 Next Meeting: March 28, 2017 - 12:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Burgasser, seconded by Mr. Laurrie. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
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Recording Secretary