

## HOST COMMUNITIES

### STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 6, 2013 - 12:00 p.m.

#### Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive  
Sanborn, New York 14132

#### **Representatives Present:**

Don Rappold, Asst. Superintendent – Chairman, HCSC  
Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent  
Tom O'Donnell, Esq.  
Lou Paonessa  
William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Legislature  
Scott Hapeman, Esq.  
Jackie Siegmann  
Mike Johnson

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

#### **Guests:**

Stephen DiMatteo  
Randall Warblow  
John F. Schultz  
Chris Roser, Superintendent  
Paul Casseri  
Katie Farr  
Brian Merrett  
Kathryn Vedder  
Thomas Burgasser, Esq.  
Angelo Massaro, Esq.  
Terry Duffy  
Henry Sloma  
Michael Risman, Esq.  
Merton Wiepert  
Joe Jastrzemski

Gordon W. Jones Associates  
Historical Society – N. German Settlements  
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Lewiston-Porter School District  
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Niagara 1812 Legacy Council  
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Niagara County  
Niagara Falls City School District  
Niagara Frontier Publications  
TBR Strategies, LLC  
Town of Niagara  
Town of Porter Supervisor  
Town Wilson Supervisor

#### **Staff Present:**

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

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#### **1.0 Call to Order**

Chairman Rappold called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### **2.0 Roll Call**

Ms. Melloni called the roll; a quorum was established.

#### **3.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Rappold led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4.0 HCSC Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2013**

Ms. Bianco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daly, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

## 5.0 Project Presentations

### 5.1 Niagara County

#### 5.1.1 **The Haseley Einhaus (All-in-One House/Barn) Reconstruction – *John Schultz, Trustee, Historical Society of North German Settlements in WNY***

**(NRGC on 9/18/12: Tie Vote=No Decision; Niagara County Legislature approved funding in amount of \$100,000 on 4/16/13) *Letter from German Heritage Museum addressing NRGC concerns is attached.***

John Schultz explained that in 1843 Prussians established a community on the Niagara Frontier along the Niagara River in the Town of Wheatfield, with the main settlement being in Niagara Falls/Bergholz. The reasons for settling here were the reasonably priced and similar land to what they were used to in Prussia, with close proximity to the Niagara River. Many of the descendants of the original families still live here in the area. One of the original cabins that housed many families during their first winter in 1843 is still preserved and is now the Das Haus Museum.

In 2008 the Historical Society acquired one of the first structures of this type to be erected in the Niagara County/Town of Wheatfield hamlet of Bergholz. This unique structure is called an “Einhaus” or “All-in-One” house/barn in which the early settlers lived with their livestock under one shared roof. This design was brought over from Northern Germany in 1843 with the Prussian migration. This part house, part barn has been professionally and carefully disassembled by Mr. John McNamara of McNamara Construction and stored in the Stoelting barn in Bergholz. The original “Fachwerk” (clay & straw filler in hand hewn timber squares) frame of the structure is in remarkable condition although the original “Fachwerk”, parts have been long gone. Mr. McNamara has numbered each of the barn timbers for accurate reassembly and will be involved in the reassembly process if possible. One interesting fact regarding the actual disassembly and reconstruction is that, according to Mr. McNamara, he believes that the four corner posts of the “Einhaus” came from the same tree! These German settlers were not used to having much wood at their disposal for construction, thus they used mud/straw filler (Fachwerk) to stretch their lumber. Mr. McNamara also believes that some of the circular markings found on the beams indicate the method and directions for construction.

Mr. Schultz stated that their Society plans to reconstruct this “Einhaus” on the existing museum property. It would provide a perfect place to display their growing collection of early farm tools and implements as well as give more room for existing historical educational and household artifacts displays to expand. Upon completion and in conjunction with the existing museum he hopes their efforts will provide an enhanced educational opportunity for interested people of all ages to come and see how the immigrant settlers of this area of Niagara County worked and lived in the mid- late 1800’s. The completion of the project will also allow better utilization of another of the structures on the museum property to formalize library and genealogy assistance capabilities. Once adequate funding is received they intend to begin the reconstruction process immediately. They are already in contact with McNamara Construction, have obtained the required permits, and are ready to proceed. They hope to have the project completed by the end of this year if possible

Mr. Widger stated that the project does meet the requirements to bring it to a vote.

**5.0 Project Presentations**

**5.1 Niagara County (Continued...)**

**5.1.1 The Haseley Einhaus (All-in-One House/Barn) Reconstruction – John Schultz, Trustee, Historical Society of North German Settlements in WNY**

***Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bianco, to approve funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the Haseley Einhaus (All in One House/Barn) Reconstruction Project.***

WHEREAS, Niagara County has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of **\$100,000.00** for the **Haseley Einhaus (All-in-One House/Barn) Reconstruction** Project; and WHEREAS, this project was submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation. WHEREAS, the Host Communities Standing Committee finds the project to be consistent with the Greenway Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Host Communities Standing Committee that the funding in the amount of **\$100,000.00** for the **Haseley Einhaus (All-in-One House/Barn) Reconstruction** Project is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to First Niagara Bank.

***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 duly adopted.***

**5.1.2 Porter-on-the-Lake Improvement Project – Bernie Rotella (NRGC Determined Consistent on 7/20/10; Niagara County Legislature approved funding in the amount of \$150,000 on 5/21/13)**

Mr. Rotella explained that the project proposed by the Town of Porter is for Park Improvements to Porter-on-the-Lake. Located strategically along Lake Ontario in the upper northwest corner of Niagara County, Porter-on-the-Lake is a recently acquired parcel of land and is the only Park located within the Town. The project will target the construction and implementation of vital park amenities to provide park users with the required infrastructure for passive recreational and leisure entertainment activities. The development of Porter-on-the-Lake will provide all Town residents and visitors with improved access to an integrated network of parks and trail systems ultimately linking to the Seaway Trail. These improvements will significantly benefit a wide variety of residents as well as offer a location to host special events throughout all four seasons, offer amenities for picnicking, playground equipment and sporting activities, as well as develop the Park's landscape to improve drainage and the overall aesthetics of the Park. The Town has rehabilitated existing restroom facilities, but lacks the funding to provide sufficient amenities for recreation and entertainment.

**5.0 Project Presentations**

**5.1 Niagara County (Continued...)**

**5.1.2 Porter-on-the-Lake Improvement Project – Bernie Rotella  
(NRGC Determined Consistent on 7/20/10; Niagara County Legislature approved  
funding in the amount of \$150,000 on 5/21/13)**

The proposed park improvements will provide all users with safer and improved access to all park amenities and will construct the facilities and infrastructure needed for passive recreation and leisure entertainment.

Mr. Rotella explained that the work proposed in this project focuses on three tasks: Installation of playground equipment; construction of a wooden amphitheater/ concert bandstand (the Town has budgeted \$100,000 for the construction of the amphitheater); and the “Green” construction of a 10 ft. wide, 2,700 linear ft. perimeter & interconnecting trail.

Mr. Widger stated that the project does meet the requirements to bring it to a vote.

***Mr. O’Donnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the Porter on the Lake Improvement Project.***

WHEREAS, Niagara County has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of **\$150,000.00** for the **Porter-on-the-Lake Improvement** Project; and WHEREAS, this project was submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation. WHEREAS, the Host Communities Standing Committee finds the project to be consistent with the Greenway Plan; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Host Communities Standing Committee that the funding in the amount of **\$150,000.00** for the **Porter-on-the-Lake Improvement** Project is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to First Niagara Bank.

***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 duly adopted.***

## 5.0 Project Presentations

### 5.1 Niagara County (Continued...)

#### 5.1.3 **Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration – Brian Merrett** **(NRGC Determined Consistent on 1/17/12; Niagara County Legislature approved funding in the amount of \$43,000 on 5/21/13)**

Mr. Merrett explained that the Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council was created in 2008 as a cross-border non-profit organization to increase public awareness and participation in the Bicentennial, throughout 2012-2014, which will mark the 200th anniversary of the three-year War of 1812, and the extraordinary 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States that have followed. Since its formation, the Legacy Council has made great progress in coordinating and facilitating a number of initiatives in Niagara. The Council offers its support to local groups by hosting meetings, providing financial support and promotional materials, offering an approval process for use of the 1812 logo, providing letters of support for funding, and by assisting in marketing and promotion at events and on its website [www.discover1812.com](http://www.discover1812.com). The Legacy Council is also partnering with a number of local educational initiatives, such as the feature-length documentary produced by WNED, with major regional re-enactments and commemorative events, and with local events and festivals to introduce an 1812 theme and provide information about the Bicentennial to both Niagara residents and possible tourists. Funds would support short-term essential personnel, financial support of signature events, key marketing, and community outreach components required to ensure that cross-border celebration and commemoration activities associated with the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 meet and exceed the projected educational and economic development impacts described in this proposal. It is hoped that the momentum of the recent National Trust for Preservation Conference held in Buffalo in mid-October 2011, would be carried forward by the three year Commemoration of the War of 1812.

The plans of the Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council address most all of the principles, goals and criteria of the Niagara River Greenway Plan. This project strives for excellence in partnership with regional world-class historic and cultural sites. It encourages economic tourism through dynamic events and activities. It is an economic investment in Western New York museums and historical sites, and promotes their sustainability. The project includes products such as educational materials, scholarly conferences, temporary and permanent exhibits, lectures, a Water Ways publication, patriotic, period and classical musical concerts, firework displays, peace gardens, visiting US Naval ships, visiting tall ships, and authentic historic reenactments in correct period dress. And the project makes the waterfront more accessible to all. The project will integrate all income and age groups in the proposed activities. It will enhance the beauty of public spaces through events, exhibits, peace gardens, etc. It will also connect all the communities along the Niagara River. The project works to sustain many of the cultural and historical treasures of the Niagara Frontier.

Mr. Widger stated that the project does meet the requirements to bring it to a vote.

**5.0 Project Presentations**

**5.1 Niagara County (Continued...)**

**5.1.3 Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration – Brian Merrett**

***Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, to approve funding in the amount of \$43,000 for the Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Project.***

WHEREAS, Niagara County has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of **\$43,000.00** for the **Niagara 1812 Commemoration** Project; and WHEREAS, this project was submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation. WHEREAS, the Host Communities Standing Committee finds the project to be consistent with the Greenway Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Host Communities Standing Committee that the funding in the amount of **\$43,000.00** for the **Niagara 1812 Commemoration** Project is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to First Niagara Bank.

***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 duly adopted.***

**5.1.4 Town of Wilson Harbor Revitalization Project – Joseph Jastrzemski  
(NRGC Determined Consistent on 9/18/12; Niagara County Legislature approved funding in the amount of \$70,000 on 5/21/13)**

Supervisor Jastrzemski stated that Wilson Harbor is the most prestigious harbor in Niagara County and along the shores Lake Ontario. The Harbor supports three marinas, three yacht clubs, two restaurants and a number of smaller shops and the Village business district. He explained that he has been working with congressional leaders to try and have the harbor dredged as it has reached a critical stage. He recently heard from Congressman Collins' office and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter's office that the funding will be there in 2014. They have been working closely with local legislators and the Orleans legislature and Senator Maziarz' office. The Village lost two months of boating season, and one Marina lost \$100,000 – money that will never be recouped. They have reached out to Senator Maziarz' office for a matching grant. The Federal Government will be coming to dredge the main harbor and testing must be completed prior to this.

Question: Have they identified when the Federal work will be done.

Answer: In 2014; meeting with Army Corps of Engineers on Monday to set parameters of when the work will take place. If funding is approved the Village will start their work right away, in preparation for the Federal Government.

Mr. Widger stated that the project does meet the requirements to bring it to a vote.

## 5.0 Project Presentations

### 5.1 Niagara County (Continued...)

#### 5.1.4 **Town of Wilson Harbor Revitalization Project – Joseph Jastrzemski** (NRGC Determined Consistent on 9/18/12; Niagara County Legislature approved funding in the amount of \$70,000 on 5/21/13)

*Mr. Reiter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bianco, to approve funding in the amount of \$70,000 for the Town of Wilson Harbor Revitalization Project.*

WHEREAS, Niagara County has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of \$ 70,000.00 for the **Town of Wilson Harbor Revitalization** Project; and WHEREAS, this project was submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation. WHEREAS, the Host Communities Standing Committee finds the project to be consistent with the Greenway Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Host Communities Standing Committee that the funding in the amount of \$ 70,000.00 for the **Town of Wilson Harbor Revitalization** Project is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to First Niagara Bank.

*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 duly adopted.*

### 5.2 Town of Lewiston

#### 5.2.1 **Lewiston Civic Center – Bernie Rotella** (Town of Lewiston Approved Funding of \$9.2million or \$430,000/year over 30 years on 3/11/13; NRGC on 5/21/13: determined Not Consistent)

Mr. Rotella explained that planning for The Town of Lewiston Civic Center started about two years ago with approval from the Lewiston Town Board. At that time, a committee was put together to develop feasibility and need study for this particular project. After much research and assessment, it was determined that a new senior and recreation center was needed for our area. The Town is proposing a 139,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose building to be built in the Town of Lewiston. In 2012 the Town Board approved the hiring of an architect to do a building design from the committees' recommendation. From that point, a pro-forma was completed and a RFP was done to locate available property. They are currently working with the Lewiston Porter School District to construct a building in the front of the high school on the corner of Daryl Johnston Dr. and Creek Road. This multi-purpose building will include a 90,000 sq. area for indoor football, soccer, field lacrosse, baseball, and softball. It could also be used for tournaments, conventions, concerts, car shows, and trade shows, etc. The other part of the building will include a lobby area, retail space, concessions and locker rooms.

## 5.0 Project Presentations

### 5.1 Niagara County (Continued...)

#### 5.2.1 Lewiston Civic Center – *Bernie Rotella*

In addition, there will be a college size basketball court, indoor box lacrosse and roller hockey area. There will also be indoor courts and fields specially designed for youth sports for ages 5-12. More importantly, the building will also include a new 6,305 sq. ft. Senior Center. It will be located directly on Route 18, less than one mile from the river and River Road Trail and part of the Seaway Trail. The facility will have its own entrance, parking area, and of course, will be handicapped accessible. The Senior Center will consist of a main floor area with accessible kitchen. It is also planned to have a second floor dedicated to an activity room, which is an additional 4,000 square foot area. The activity room will also be utilized for a common area as well. It is anticipated that the new Senior Center will not only serve retired seniors but working seniors as well. The Civic Center committee has been working with the seniors to plan for full-scale day and evening programs to include such activities as cooking classes, computer technology, library services, health and fitness seminars, educational lectures, and other advanced programming. In fact, major geriatric conferences can also be brought to the Lewiston area by utilizing the main area of the recreation facility. It is also anticipated that the seniors will take full advantage of all the sports facilities in the recreation building including a walking and jogging path.

Supervisor Reiter addressed the Committee, explaining that the Center will provide recreation for the students of Lewiston Porter and they will also be talking to Niagara Wheatfield regarding use of the facility. They have recently engaged a marketing firm – sports facility advisors to determine the viability of sports tourism in this area. It is determined that this would be a great recreation and economic generator for this region.

Mr. Ross stated that the Wheatfield Community Center is used 7 days a week, sometimes from 8 a.m. to 9-9:30 p.m. It has been a great venue for the Town of Wheatfield and beyond---outside organizations rent it. He stated that without the Community Center in Wheatfield they would not be the community they are—growing, more complete in bringing people together in the Center. Town of Niagara Recreation Center is another example of bringing people together.

Question: How much property is still in Lewiston-Porters hands.

Answer: A contract is ready to be signed and delivered to the Town --- waiting for the referendum to pass. Price is agreed upon.

Question: Is the entire complex on Lew-Porter property?

Answer: Yes. Referendum is on the bond through the Town of Lewiston.

**5.0 Project Presentations**

**5.1 Niagara County (Continued...)**

**5.2.1 Lewiston Civic Center – Bernie Rotella**

***Ms. Bianco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve funding in the amount of \$9.2million or \$430,000/year over 30 years for the Lewiston Civic Center Project.***

WHEREAS, the Town of Lewiston has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of **\$9.2 million or \$430,000/year for 30 years** for the **Lewiston Civic Center** Project; and WHEREAS, this project was submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation. WHEREAS, the Host Communities Standing Committee finds the project to be consistent with the Greenway Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Host Communities Standing Committee that the funding in the amount of **\$9.2 million or \$430,000/year for 30 years** for the **Lewiston Civic Center** Project is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to First Niagara Bank. WHEREAS, the Town of Lewiston has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of **\$9.2 million or \$430,000/year for 30 years** for the **Lewiston Civic Center** Project; and WHEREAS, this project was submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation. WHEREAS, the Host Communities Standing Committee finds the project to be consistent with the Greenway Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Host Communities Standing Committee that the funding in the amount of **\$9.2 million or \$430,000/year for 30 years** for the **Lewiston Civic Center** Project is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to First Niagara Bank.

***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 duly adopted.***

**5.3 Lewiston-Porter School District**

**5.3.1 Lewiston-Porter Recreational Complex – Phase II – Bernie Rotella  
(Lewiston-Porter School District Approved Funding of \$6.3million or \$420,000/year over 15 years on 5/22/13; NRG on 5/21/13: deter-mined Not Consistent)**

Mr. Rotella presented: The proposed Lewiston-Porter Recreational Complex Phase II Capital Improvement Project is a compilation of recreational, cultural, programming and administrative improvements at the Lew-Port High School, Middle, and Elementary schools. The Lew-Port School District will follow the same approach as Phase I and will bond this \$26+ million project that will include substantial amenities. These improvements, estimated to cost \$7,860,000, and are part of the overall \$26+ million Phase II project for which Lew-Port intends to encumber its annual Greenway allocation over the next fifteen years for a total of \$6.3 million.

**5.0 Project Presentations (Continued...)**

**5.3 Lewiston-Porter School District**

**5.3.1 Lewiston-Porter Recreational Complex – Phase II – *Bernie Rotella***

The Phase II components that are the focus of funding consist of the High School Auditorium: On the 1st Floor a new addition for entrance/gallery, including stair for access to the second floor outside Auditorium, and reconstruction work for public restrooms including handicapped accessibility to all areas; 1st Floor - reconstruction of existing classrooms & music area for the band room, choral room and new orchestra room and renovations in the auditorium/stage; and 1st Floor - renovation work of the art and cultural media rooms, as well as technology rooms including handicap access between these areas.

High School Pool: Currently, the four-lane pool is located on the second floor of the High School. The existing pool facilities are obsolete, cannot meet the structural and operation requirements to maintain this activity, and can no longer support the growing demands for the use of this facility by the community and visiting schools for competition. Therefore Lew-Port proposes an addition for a new 8-lane swimming pool to be located on the first floor ground level. Improvements will include boys' and girls' pool locker rooms, boys' and girls' gym locker rooms, boys' and girls' team rooms, officiating changing rooms, restrooms, stairs, elevators, storage room, and an improved main sports entrance. The pool enhancements will include the reconstruction of the existing 2nd floor for a new pool observation deck and bleachers for spectators. Funding will also help cover the cost of site improvements that will support ADA-compliant accessibility issues, alleviate child safety concerns, enhance the beauty of the site, and preserve and protect the natural environment which compliments Phase I. All aspects of the Lewiston-Porter Recreational Complex have been designed to maximize land use and maintain the natural beauty of the Niagara River Region. Furthermore all environmental issues related to the proposed construction have been addressed by the Lewiston-Porter Central School District.

***Mr. Reiter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve funding in the amount of \$6.3 million or \$420,000/year over 15 years \$6.3million or \$420,000/year over 15 years for the Lewiston Civic Center Project.***

WHEREAS, Lewiston-Porter School District has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of **\$6.3 million or \$420,000/year for 15 years** for the **Lewiston-Porter Recreational Complex – Phase II** Project; and WHEREAS, this project was submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation. WHEREAS, the Host Communities Standing Committee finds the project to be consistent with the Greenway Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Host Communities Standing Committee that the funding in the amount of **\$6.3 million or \$420,000/year for 15 years** for the **Lewiston-Porter Recreational Complex – Phase II** Project is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to First Niagara Bank.

**5.0 Project Presentations (Continued...)**

**5.3 Lewiston-Porter School District**

**5.3.1 Lewiston-Porter Recreational Complex – Phase II – *Bernie Rotella***

*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 duly adopted.*

**6.0 Niagara River Greenway Commission (*Informational Only*)**

**6.1 Minutes of May 21, 2013 NRGC Meeting  
Provided as informational only.**

**7.0 Next HCSC Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 (if needed)**

**8.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Reiter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary P. Melloni  
Recording Secretary