

**HOST COMMUNITIES  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013 - 12:00 p.m.**

**Niagara County Department of Economic Development**

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive  
Sanborn, New York 14132

**Representatives Present:**

Chris Roser, Superintendent	Lewiston-Porter School District
Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent	Niagara Falls City School District
Tom O'Donnell, Esq.	City of Niagara Falls
Carol J. Sampson	New York Power Authority
William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Legislature	Niagara County
Scott Hapeman, Esq.	Niagara Wheatfield School District
Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara
Mike Johnson	Town of Lewiston

**Guests:**

Laura Rutland	Town of Newfane
Tim Horanburg	Town of Newfane
Thomas Burgasser, Esq.	Niagara County
Angelo Massaro, Esq.	Niagara Falls City School District
Michael Risman, Esq.	Town of Niagara

**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**

Acting Chairperson Bianco 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 June 6, 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 Olcott Beach Enhancement Project – Supervisor Tim Horanburg/Councilwoman Laura Rutland**

**(NRGC Determined Consistent on 9/17/13; Niagara County Legislature approved funding in amount of \$125,000 on 8/6/13)**

This project involves structural stabilization and beachfront access improvements at Olcott Beach, a public bathing beach located on Lake Ontario in the Town of Newfane. The project area consists of a sandy beach with a lifeguard-monitored swimming area, a beach wall and terraces that were once part of the foundation of the long-demolished Olcott Hotel, and two piers that extend out into the lake and generally frame the swimming area. Work will include resurfacing the crumbling east pier with concrete, rebuilding the beach wall, repairing the sidewalk and concrete stairs to the beach, and installing new signage and landscaping. The project will complement previous Greenway projects in Newfane, including a children's splash pad at the adjacent Krull Park and the rest area/changing station at the adjacent Carrousel Park, which is used by beachgoers. The project is located on the Seaway Trail and Niagara Wine Trail, which are connections identified in the Greenway plan. This is a capital project and not a maintenance expense.

Mr. Ross explained that this is a great alliance between the County and the Town. The County turned the beach over to the Town so that it would be remediated by the Town and it is utilized with Krull Park. He stated that it is a project that enhances the area and will serve all individuals in Niagara County. It will always stay free and remain a beach.

Mr. Widger stated that the project meets all procedural requirements to bring it to a vote.

**Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bianco, to approve funding in the amount of \$125,000 for the Olcott Beach Enhancement Project.**

WHEREAS, Niagara County has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee for funding in the amount of **\$125,000.00** for the **Olcott Beach Enhancement 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 **\$125,000.00** for the **Olcott Beach Enhancement 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.**

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

**The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.**

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

**6.1 Minutes of July 16 and September 17, 2013 NRGC Meetings  
Provided as informational only.**

**7.0 Next HCSC Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 (if needed)**

**8.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Reiter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary P. Melloni  
Recording Secretary