

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 – 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:

Sherry Shepherd-Corulli	City of Niagara Falls
Angelo Massaro, Esq.	Niagara Falls City School District
Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara

Staff Present:

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

1.0 Call to Order

Acting Chairperson O'Donnell called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairperson O'Donnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

Mr. O'Donnell introduced Jeanne A. Leccese, the new Executive Director of the Niagara River Greenway Commission. Her office will be located at Deveaux Woods State Park.

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 15, 2016
- June 7, 2016
- July 7, 2016

Mr. Hapeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, June 7 and July 7, 2016. Motion passed.

6.0 Elect Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Secretary

Mr. Wallace nominated Mr. O'Donnell as Chairperson of the Host Communities Standing Committee; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Hapeman; moved by Wallace, seconded by Hapeman that nominations close. Carried.

Mr. O'Donnell nominated Mr. Wallace as Vice Chairperson of the Host Communities Standing Committee; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Hapeman; moved by O'Donnell, seconded by Hapeman that nominations close. Carried.

6.0 Elect Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Secretary

Mr. O'Donnell nominated Ms. Melloni as Secretary of the Host Communities Standing Committee; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Laurrie; moved by O'Donnell, seconded by Laurrie that nominations close. Carried.

7.0 City of Niagara Falls

**7.1 Old Stone Chimney Relocation – Sherry Shepherd-Corulli
(Determined Consistent by NRGC on 5/20/2014; approved for funding in the amount of \$200,000 by the HCSC on 6/30/2014; City of Niagara Falls approved reallocation of funding from construction costs to additional site development on 9/13/2016)**

Ms. Corulli explained that in 2014 the City Council approved an application for \$200,000 in Greenway funds for construction costs related to site development and relocation of the Old Stone Chimney. Since that time the New York Power Authority funded the relocation of the Chimney and therefore the City is requested that the funds be reallocated for additional site development such as landscaping, lighting, signage, and park amenities including historical interpretations.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Burgasser, to approve the request to reallocate funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the Old Stone Chimney Relocation 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.

8. First Niagara to Key Bank Transition

8.1 Approval of new Collateral Agreement (to be signed by Chairperson and Vice Chairperson)

8.2 Approval of Revised Municipal Resolutions

8.2.1 Main Account: Remove Cynthia Bianco and Chris Roser; replace with new Chair and Vice Chair

8.2.2 Niagara County: Replace William L. Ross with R. Thomas Burgasser

8.2.3 Lewiston Porter School District: Remove Chris Roser; replace with Paul Casseri; Lynn Braunbach to remain

8.2.4 Town of Niagara: Remove Steven C. Richards; replace with Lee Wallace; Jacqueline Siegmann to remain

A motion was made by Mr. Burgasser, seconded by Mr. Laurrie, to approve the revisions to the Collateral Agreement and Municipal Resolutions as stated above. Motion carried.

9.0 Any other Matters

9.1 Approval of Annual Report to NYPA – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mr. Hapeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve the Annual Report to NYPA for fiscal year 2015-2016. Motion carried.

9.1 Minutes of NRG Meeting: September 20, 2016 (*Informational Only*)

10.0 Next Meeting: November 29, 2016 - 12:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary