

## HOST COMMUNITIES

### STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 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.  
Rob Daly  
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:**

Thomas Burgasser, Esq.  
Angelo Massaro, Esq.  
Chris Roser, Superintendent  
Michael Risman, Esq.  
Bernie Rotella  
Tom Prohaska

Niagara County  
Niagara Falls City School District  
Lewiston-Porter School District  
Town of Niagara  
Town of Lewiston  
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#### **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 Presentation of 3-Year Audit – Patrick Brown, Brown & Company**

Mr. Brown of Brown & Company reported on the 3-year audit of the Host Community Standing Committee that was completed in August of 2012. This included the Management’s Discussion & Analysis, the Independent Auditors’ Report, Financial Statements, and the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, Compliance, and other matters. *These reports are attached hereto and will become a part hereof these minutes.*

#### **5.0 HCSC Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2013 Meeting**

Mr. O’Donnell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bianco, to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

**6.0 Project Presentations**

**6.1 Town of Lewiston**

**6.1.1 Academy Park Ice Rink**

**(Determined to be Consistent by NRCG on 9/20/11; previously approved for \$134,000 in funding by HCSC on 10/04/11; current request is for additional funding)**

Mr. Rotella explained that they are in year 2 of 4 of the project and have had a very successful participation in the project. Their attendance has dramatically increased and they have experienced a demand in keeping the ice rink open longer this year. This influx of people has provided local businesses with increased business during the winter months, as well as providing a beautiful view of the scenery and the river. Mr. Rotella indicated that last year they had requested \$134,000 and this year after taking a look at the numbers they are looking at approximately \$156,640 for the cost of the rental and all the amenities that are required to keep it operational.

Mr. Reiter stated that they had more people in attendance at the rink so far this year than the whole season prior. The rink has become popular in town and is drawing people from outside the area. Revenue from skate rentals and concessions is up 35% and this revenue will be used to enhance other community events such as the Peach Festival and Art Show.

Mr. Widger indicated that the Town of Lewiston has met all the procedural requirements to bring this to a vote.

***Mr. Massaro made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve funding in the amount of \$156,640 for the Town of Lewiston Academy Park Ice Rink Project.***

“WHEREAS, the ***Town of Lewiston***, has applied to the Host Communities Standing Committee to approve funding in the amount of ***\$156,640*** for the ***Town of Lewiston Academy Park Ice Rink 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 amount of ***\$156,640*** for the ***Town of Lewiston Academy Park Ice Rink Project*** is approved; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution is to 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.***

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

**7.1 Minutes of September 18, 2012 NRGC Meeting**

**7.2 Minutes of November 20, 2012 NRGC Meeting**

Provided as informational only.

**8.0 Next HCSC Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 – 12:00 p.m.**

**9.0 Adjournment**

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary P. Melloni  
Recording Secretary