

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.

Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Sanborn, New York 14132

Representatives Present:

Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent / Chairperson, HCSC
Chris Roser, Superintendent/Vice Chairperson, HCSC
Lou Paonessa
William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Legislature
Scott Hapeman, Superintendent
Jackie Siegmann
Dennis Brochey
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.

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

Alternates/Guests:

Mike Zimmerman
Mike Dashineau
Thomas Burgasser, Esq.
Michael Risman, Esq.
Paul Kloosterman

City of North Tonawanda
Town of Lewiston
Niagara County
Town of Niagara
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Staff Present:

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

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Bianco called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Cynthia Bianco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2014

Chairperson Bianco stated that the minutes of June 3, 2014 are not available at this time.

6.0 Project Presentations

6.1 Niagara County

**6.1.1 City of North Tonawanda Gratwick Marina Development – M. Zimmerman
(Determined Consistent by NRCG on 9/16/2014; Approved for funding in the amount of \$300,000 by Niagara County on 8/04/2014)**

Mr. Zimmerman explained that the marina is a City-owned property at the south end of Gratwick Riverside Park which is an ongoing redevelopment project over the past four years. This is a funding request to help complete the final marina phase of redevelopment. In 2012 and 2013 the northern section of the Marina was transformed into a safe, accessible waterfront destination. However, the central and southern Marina basins are in a state of disrepair.

6.1 Niagara County (Continued...)

**6.1.1 City of North Tonawanda Gratwick Marina Development – M. Zimmerman
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This project includes the reconstruction of the remaining central and southern marina basins and upland improvements to include natural landscaping and necessary safety features. It will complete the development of the entire Marina property and will create a signature destination amenity in Gratwick-Riverside Park.

Mr. Widger stated that the project meets all procedural requirements.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roser.

Mr. Ross stated that this project is all within the Greenway corridor and for the south end to be a full service venue for the citizens of North Tonawanda and Niagara County.

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 thereby adopted.

6.2 Town of Lewiston

**6.2.1 Academy Park Ice Rink – Additional Funding Request – M. Dashineau
(Determined Consistent by NRGC on 9/20/2011; HCSC Approvals: \$134,000 on
10/04/11; \$156,640 on 1/14/13; \$156,600 on 12/3/13)**

Mr. Dashineau explained that the Town of Lewiston has now determined that it is economically viable and in the Town's best interest to purchase the remaining two years of their lease-to-own agreement for \$205,220. This will allow the Town to have more control over the season's schedule of use and will ultimately save needed Greenway funds over the next three seasons of use.

Mr. Widger stated that in the event this is approved for funding, one understanding that has to be clear is that the total amount of the Town's projects cannot exceed the Town's percentage allocation of Greenway funding; therefore, if approved if there is any overlap with amounts outstanding for other projects the other projects will have to be backed off to provide funding for this. We understand that one or two of the other projects may be modified to make that possible. This needs to be a condition of the approval.

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Mr. O'Donnell asked if Lewiston has enough money to fund this project. Mr. Widger stated that if everything that has been approved moves forward, this is intended to insure it does not exceed that. Mr. Kloosterman stated that they have projects that are sitting in limbo and he will take that to their Council to make sure that is cleared up. Mr. Kloosterman stated that the Joseph Davis project has not made any further progress and would probably be the project that funds would be returned from.

The resolution before the members is that the additional funding in the amount of \$205,220.00 for the Academy Park Ice Rink Project is approved contingent upon receipt of a certified resolution from the Town of Lewiston Town Board, withdrawing its request for funding for the Joseph Davis State Park Phase I Capital Improvement Project that was approved by the Host Community Standing Committee by resolution dated February 9, 2012, such withdrawal being specifically applicable to all funding for the third year of the Project (otherwise payable in 2014) through the end of the project.

A roll call vote was taken.

<i>Town of Lewiston</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
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<i>Niagara Falls Schools</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

6.3 Lewiston Porter School District

6.1 Update: Lewiston Porter Central School Recreational Complex – Phase II (Approved by HCSC on 6/6/13 - \$420,000/year for 15 years)

Mr. Roser explained that their capital project has been stalled. Part of the project that was originally presented to the HCSC was to include the addition of a swimming pool. The cost estimates came in at \$5.3 million dollars and pushed their project over the budget. They tried to eliminate other parts of the project and finally decided that they cannot do the pool. They will renovate the existing pool, bringing their total budget back to the \$26 million that the school district approved. Mr. Roser asked the procedure when there is a change in the project. The remainder of the project remains. They will be well within their funding; however, there is a large change. Mr. Roser asked if it will be necessary to go through another process.

Mr. Widger looked this over and he stated that he feels it is only necessary to make the Committee aware of the changes to the scope of the project since the funding is remaining within the project. Mr. Roser stated the design will be modified and he feels confident that they are still working within the parameters of the funding that was approved by the Committee.

Mr. Paonessa stated that it would be prudent to look at the threshold where it would be necessary to bring a project back for a modification.

7.0 Niagara River Greenway Commission

7.1 Minutes: July 16 & September 22, 2014 NRGC Meetings (Informational Only)

8.0 Any Other Matters

Chairperson Bianco stated that the RFP for the 3-Year Audit of the HCSC for NYPA will be mailed within the next couple of weeks. Also, there will be an Ad Hoc and Finance Committee meeting on October 7th at noon. On October 14th there will be a meeting of the Niagara Power Coalition.

9.0 Next HCSC Meeting: December 2, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roser, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary