

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 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:

Thomas Burgasser, Esq.
Angelo Massaro, Esq.
Paul Kloosterman

Niagara County
Niagara Falls City School District
Town of Lewiston

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 12:28 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

Members/guests were introduced.

5.0 Town of Lewiston

5.1 Joseph Davis Park Phase I Capital Improvement Project

5.1.1 Withdrawal of Request for Funding

Chairperson Bianco stated that the resolution provided to members encapsulates all that members will be voting on. *(A copy of said resolution will be attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.)*

Mr. Widger explained that at the last meeting of the HCSC the Town of Lewiston indicated that the Joseph Davis State Park Project was not going to proceed as originally approved, and at the same time because of the outstanding funding commitment for that project, there would not be sufficient funding in the annual allotment to the Town to be able to finance the Academy Park Ice Rink project.

5.0 Town of Lewiston

5.1 Joseph Davis Park Phase I Capital Improvement Project

5.1.1 Withdrawal of Request for Funding

Therefore, to avoid an overlap in funding commitments it was suggested that the Town of Lewiston resolve to withdraw its request for further funding of Joseph Davis Park. Mr. Widger stated that the earlier resolution adopted by the HCSC provided for funding for the Academy Park Ice Rink on condition that the funding for Joseph Davis State Park for 2014 and beyond be withdrawn. The Town adopted a resolution that the withdrawal is stated; however, there is a request for \$100,000 to complete the asbestos removal and remediation associated with some of the buildings that were partially demolished under the originally funded project.

Mr. Widger stated that the resolution before the members today is designed to withdraw funding of previously identified \$450,000 a year in 2014 and beyond, with the understanding that from the 2014 funds, \$100,000 would be available to complete the environmental remediation work. That will leave sufficient funding for the Academy Park Ice Rink project. This resolution does not purport to resolve any of the previous years' spending (2012-2013 allocations) which are still being reviewed by the ad hoc subcommittee in terms of the extent to which they reflect what was approved previously and there is some amount that was not spent out of that allocation so part of the consideration is how much of that funding is to be returned to the Town's account for future projects.

Mr. Massaro asked if the remedial work has commenced or can it be left as it is. Mr. Brochey stated that New York State Parks does not want the Town to leave it as is. They have it all fenced in and gated. Mr. Massaro made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roser, to approve the resolution.

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.

Mr. Massaro stated that he would like to commend the Town of Lewiston is how well they have handled a very delicate situation.

9.0 Adjournment

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roser, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,