

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive

Sanborn, New York 14132

Representatives Present:

Mark Laurrie

Paul Casseri

Lou Paonessa

Tom Burgasser, Esq.

Scott Hapeman, Esq.

Lee Wallace, Supervisor, VICE CHAIRPERSON

Steve Broderick, Supervisor

Thomas O'Donnell, Esq., CHAIRPERSON

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:

Jackie Siegmann

Tom Prohaska

Mike Zimmerman

Town of Niagara

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City of NT – Western Canal Bike Path Project

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary

Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody

Michael Casale, Niagara County Department of Economic Development

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson O'Donnell called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson O'Donnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2018

Mr. Laurrie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting. Motion passed.

6.0 Niagara County

6.1 City of North Tonawanda – Western Canal Bike Path Connection –M. Zimmerman, Director of Community Development, City of North Tonawanda (Approved for funding in the amount of \$62,000 by Niagara County on 8/07/2018; Determined Consistent by NRCG on 11/20/2018)

Mr. Zimmerman explained that this is a small, but important, project. This trail is a little over 1,000 feet and will connect the Riverwalk Trail to the Sweeney Street path. This critical segment will create a linkage between North Tonawanda's disconnected paths, drive cyclists and pedestrians into downtown North Tonawanda, connect four public parks and better connect North Tonawanda into regional assets. The project will also replace and install new pedestrian safety equipment at the intersection of Webster and Sweeney Streets.

Mr. Zimmerman explained that the City of North Tonawanda is requesting \$62,000 from Niagara County's Greenway funds toward their \$329,830 project. The remainder of funding is anticipated as \$43,030 City in-kind services and a \$224,800 pending grant through the NYSDOT 2018 TAP program.

Mr. Widger stated that the project does meet all procedural requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Broderick, seconded by Mr. Casseri, to approve funding in the amount of \$62,000 for the Western Canal Bike Path Connection.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The resolution was thereupon approved.

7.0 Any other Matters

8.0 Next Meeting: January 22, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Paonessa, seconded by Mr. Laurie. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary