

**HOST COMMUNITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

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

William Geiben

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

Buffalo News

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 12:05 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 November 27, 2018

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

6.0 Niagara County

**6.1 Lockport Rail Trail – Marc Smith, Coordinator of Economic Development - City of Lockport
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$116,000 by Niagara County on 8/07/2018;
Determined Not Consistent by NRGCC on 11/20/2018; Connectivity Issue Resolved)**

Mr. Smith stated that this trail is something that the public was asking for. They presented it to the Niagara County legislature and then to the Greenway Commission. The Commission voted 6 to 5 non-consistent. The reason for the non-consistent vote was because the City of Lockport did not make a commitment to the continuation of the pathway into the City. The Mayor of the City was approached and did agree to the connection (Letter attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes). Mr. Smith reviewed a map showing the path of the trail, which is outlined in the attached proposal. Total project is \$136,327 and are asking for \$116,000 from the HCSC.

Mr. Widger stated that the project does meet all procedural requirements. Mr. Wallace made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burgasser, to approve funding of the Lockport Rail Trail project in the amount of \$116,000.

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: March 19, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

9.0 Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary