

**HOST COMMUNITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Niagara County Department of Economic Development
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Sanborn, New York 14132**

Representatives Present:

Angelo Mussaro, Esq.
Paul Casseri, Superintendent
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
Lee Simonson
Bill Justyk
Vince Canosa
Clyde Burmaster
Sherry Shepherd-Corulli
Benjamin Bidell

Town of Niagara
VFW – Circle of Honor Project
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Legislator – Circle of Honor Project
City of NF – Local Waterfront Revitalization
Niagara Co Dept of Economic Development

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody (via teleconference)

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson O'Donnell called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:17 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 Election of HCSC Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Secretary for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 - S. Widger

Mr. Widger explained that the HCSC is required to elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary for the fiscal year, this year being July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Nominations are open for the position of Chairperson. Mr. Mussaro nominated Mr. O'Donnell for the position, seconded by Mr. Casseri. No other nominations; closed nominations. All in favor. Mr. O'Donnell was elected Chairperson for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Nominations are open for the position of Vice Chairperson. Mr. O'Donnell nominated Mr. Wallace for the position, seconded by Mr. Hapeman. No other nominations; closed nominations. All in favor. Mr. Wallace was elected Vice Chairperson for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

4.0 Election of HCSC Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Secretary for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 -- June 30, 2019 - S. Widger (Con't...)

Nominations are open for the position of Secretary. Mr. Hapeman nominated Ms. Melloni for the position, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. No other nominations; closed nominations. All in favor. Ms. Melloni was elected Secretary for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019

Mr. Wallace made a motion, seconded by Mr. Broderick, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 HCSC meeting. Motion passed.

6.0 Niagara County/City of Niagara Falls Projects

**6.1 Lewiston Circle of Honor Veteran's Memorial – Lee Simonson, Volunteer
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$100,000 by Town of Lewiston on 1/07/2019;
Determined Consistent by NRGCC on 03/12/2019; HCSC approved \$100,000 from Town of
Lewiston on 3/19/2019; Current Request is for additional funding in the amount of \$30,000
approved by Niagara County on 4/09/2019)**

Mr. Simonson explained that the Circle of Honor project will improve the community's recognition and appreciation for those military veterans who served this nation by replacing the existing memorial at Academy Park. The Circle of Honor will be more inclusive and open to veterans who have been born, raised and educated or who have lived or worked in the Village of Lewiston. Mr. Simonson stated that Legislator Burmaster is to be commended for carrying the bill that paved the way for this important project.

Mr. Widger stated that the project meets all procedural requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Burgasser and seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve additional funding for the Circle of Honor Veteran's Memorial Project in the amount of \$30,000.

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.

6.0 Niagara County/City of Niagara Falls Projects

**6.2 City of Niagara Falls Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan – Sherry Shepherd-Corulli
(Approved for funding by City of NF in the amount of \$120,000; Determined Consistent by
NRGC on 6/11/2019)**

Ms. Corulli explained that the City of Niagara Falls has received \$493,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to begin the development of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. The anticipated amount to complete the project is \$120,000, which the City is requesting from the Niagara River Greenway funds. The LWRP that the City proposes will address not only the waterfront, but the entire City and surround waterfront areas. It will address economic development, land and water use, public access and recreation, and water quality and natural resource protection necessary for improving public use and enjoyment of the waterfront area.

Mr. Widger stated that the project meets all procedural requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Mussaro and seconded by Mr. Burgasser, to approve funding for the LWRP Project in the amount of \$120,000.

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: September 17, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Casseri, seconded by Mr. Broderick. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary