HOST COMMUNITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference

Representatives Present:
Lee Wallace, Supervisor, VICE CHAIRPERSON Town of Niagara
Mark Laurrie, Superintendent Niagara Falls City School District
Paul Casseri, Superintendent Lewiston Porter School District
Lou Paonessa New York Power Authority
Tom Burgasser, Esq. Niagara County
Scott Hapeman, Esq. Niagara Wheatfield School District
Steve Broderick, Supervisor Town of Lewiston
Robert M. Restaino, Mayor City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:
Jackie Siegmann Town of Niagara

Staff Present:
Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody

1.0 Call to Order
Vice Chairperson Wallace called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call
Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Town of Niagara

5.1 Town Square at Veterans’ Memorial Park – Lee Wallace, Supervisor, Town of Niagara
(Determined Consistent by NRGC on 7/16/17; Approved for funding in the amount of $400,000 by Town of Niagara on May 10, 2017 and HCSC on 7/18/17; Requesting additional funding in the amount of $600,000)

Vice Chairperson Wallace explained that the Town switched engineering firms and found that they had significantly underfunded the project. The project scope remains exactly the same with the Town still committed to the $250,000. Mr. Widger stated that the project does meet all procedural requirements, and a roll call vote was taken.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The resolution was thereupon approved.
6.0 **Nominations for Chairperson/Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Widger asked for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Host Community Standing Committee.

Mr. Laurrie nominated Lee Wallace as Chairperson; seconded by Mr. Burgasser. There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed; Mr. Wallace was unanimously approved as Chairperson of the HCSC.

Mr. Widger asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson of the Host Community Standing Committee.

Mr. Wallace nominated Mayor Restaino. There were no further nominations; nominations were closed. Mr. Restaino was unanimously approved as Vice Chairperson of the HCSC.

Mr. Widger explained that these officers will serve until the next meeting where they will be confirmed for the entire year.

7.0 **Any other Matters**

It was indicated that since Mr. O'Donnell was no longer a member of the HCSC or NPC, and the Treasurer and Chairman Wallace who both are representing the Town of Niagara were both signatories on checks for the NPC, that a third person be selected to sign checks. Mr. Laurrie made a motion that Mr. Restaino be approved as a signatory on the account, seconded by Mr. Casseri. Motion was approved.

8.0 **Next Meeting:** June 16, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

9.0 **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Burgasser, seconded by Mr. Restaino. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary