

**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
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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 NRCG 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.

<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 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,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary