

**HOST COMMUNITIES  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – Following NPC Meeting  
Town of Niagara Community Center  
7000 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls NY**

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**Representatives Present:**

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

**Alternates/Guests:**

Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara
Glenn Wienke	Sanborn Area Historical Society
Elaine Timm	Sanborn Area Historical Society
Fran Haskell	Sanborn Area Historical Society

**Staff Present:**

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

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**1.0 Call to Order**

Chairperson Wallace called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**4.0 Introductions**

**5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022 Meeting**

Mr. Broderick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wydysh, to approve the meeting minutes of November 15, 2022. Motion passed.

**6.0 Town of Lewiston**

**6.1 Sanborn Area Historical Society School House Museum Moving – Bill Read, President, SAHS (Approved for funding in the amount of \$130,000 by the Town of Lewiston on November 14, 2022; Consultation with NRCG on January 17, 2023)**

Elaine Timm stated that the Sanborn Area Historical Society (SAHS) is requesting 130,000 from the Greenway funds to move the school house museum at 2822 Niagara Street in Sanborn to the Sanborn Lewiston Farm Museum Complex at 2660 Saunders Settlement Road, Rte 31, Sanborn in the Town of Lewiston. The Town of Lewiston Board has approved using \$130,000 of funding for the school house project. The remaining \$150,000 of the \$280,000 school house project will come from donations and other sources. The cost of planning, acquisition and administration will be paid for by the SAHS. Our existing procedures and budget process will be used to operate and maintain the school house. Ms. Timm explained that they are an all-volunteer organization with over 500 members. The in-kind volunteer services have worked well with the SAHS on previous projects funded by the Greenway. For all their Greenway projects they have set up a Greenway & Wine Trail display card rack and incorporated the Greenway logo on their museum sign by the road.

**6.0 Town of Lewiston**

**6.1 Sanborn Area Historical Society School House Museum Moving**

Ms. Timm also provided background on the history of the school house and their justification for moving the building, which is included in the proposal that will be attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.

Chairperson Wallace confirmed that the SAHS will be seeking other funding and that the Greenway funding is contingent on the SAHS receiving other funding. Ms. Timm stated that that is correct, they have already received some donations and they will be applying for other grants.

Mr. Widger stated that the project meets all procedural requirements.

Ms Wydysh made a motion to approve the funding of the Sanborn Historical Society School House Museum Moving project with the understanding that those funds will be released upon the SAHS procuring the remaining funding from other sources. Mr. Casseri seconded the motion.

***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: June 21, 2023**

**9.0 Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Restaino, seconded by Mr. Paonessa. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary P. Melloni*

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Recording Secretary