

Minutes of Meeting
Salmon Rivers Council of Governments
Monday, November 20, 2020 3:30 p.m.
Albion-Altmar Municipal Building
15 Bridge Street
Altmar, New York

Attending:

Albion: Mike Faulkner

Amboy: Kathy Wilkinson

Orwell: William Potter

Parish (Town): Mary Ann Phillips

Parish (Village): Kathryn Perkins, Jackie Murphy

SRCG staff: Paul M. Baxter

Tug Hill Commission: Katie Malinowski

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m., and attendees were introduced.

Financial: Financial report presented, and Paul will send out prior year AUD.

Election of Officers: William Potter was elected chair, Jackie Murphy was elected vice chair, and the village of Parish was designated as fiscal officer.

Report from Tug Hill: Tug Hill executive director Katie Malinowski reported on Tug Hill matters. The 2020 Local Government Conference was cancelled on account of COVID. There was a travel ban initially, during which Tug Hill work was conducted remotely. The travel ban was lifted in early June. A budget freeze was imposed. Tug Hill learned how to work via Zoom, including assisting our municipalities with meeting via Zoom, and Tug Hill began conducting training via Zoom. Tug Hill has a vacancy at one of its circuit rider positions.

There has been no action on the bill to provide state payment for Wildlife Management Areas in Oswego County. Tug Hill will ask for it to be reintroduced at the beginning of the new session in January. However, the climate for adoption does not appear favorable.

The state Senate passed Minimum Maintenance Road legislation this year, but it remains stalled in the Assembly. There is a pending lawsuit on municipal adoption, and the state comptroller has not as of yet done an analysis on its impacts.

Old Business: Salmon Rivers is still working on implementation of a contractor to assist the circuit rider with municipal meeting coverage.

The group agreed to move forward with assumption of circuit rider cell phone costs, with costs to be split proportionately with the North Shore Council of Governments.

The group agreed to move forward with replacement of the 2009 laptop computer currently being used by the circuit rider, with costs to be split proportionately with the North Shore Council of Governments.

The group agreed to move forward with purchase of a color laser printer, with costs to be split proportionately with the North Shore Council of Governments.

New Business: The Salmon Rivers Council of Governments Intermunicipal Agreement, which is up for its periodic review and renewal, was adopted by the group unchanged save the new term of adoption. This will now be presented to each member municipality for their adoption.

Next meeting date, time, location, and agenda items: The next meeting is anticipated to be January 2021 in Albion, with agenda items including status of municipal adoption of the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments Intermunicipal Agreement, and status of the meeting coverage consultant.

Adjournment: The Salmon Rivers Council of Governments meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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