

Meeting Notes

Project Name: Bethlehem LWRP

Project #: 06127.10P

Meeting Title: Meeting 1 – Kick-Off

Date and Time: November 21, 2006

Attendees: See attached

Purpose/Intent of Meeting: Kick-Off with Committee to organize and understand project

If the meeting notes are not complete, accurate, or in context, please notify the sender of this document of such discrepancy within ten days following receipt of this record.

Meeting Summary:

4:30 P.M. - Meeting opened with welcoming remarks by George Leveille

Rob Holzman walked the committee through the purpose and process of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Provided handout.

Rob Holzman walked the committee through a preliminary definition of the Waterfront Revitalization Boundary. Discussion included setting the boundary at either Route 9W or I-87. The preliminary boundary will be Route 9W. Saratoga Associates will continue to gather data (including environmental, recreational, historical resources, among others) to better understand where the boundary should be. The mapping should also include the Coastal Boundary.

Rob Holzman outlined the waterfront-related issues identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

Rob Holzman facilitated a discussion with the Committee regarding issues and opportunities along the waterfront and waterfront-influenced areas. These notes are provided below.

- Destination for Tourists
- Maintain Land Uses that do not reduce water quality
 - Perhaps eliminate Industrial (Heavy Industrial)
 - Maintain for residential, recreational and natural use
- Reuse old abandoned sites before “green use” (vacant, natural lands)
- Understand relationship with neighboring communities for Port uses
 - Inter municipal partnering opportunities?
- Consider zone change for heavy industrial
- Schodack has an LWRP – review neighboring communities LWRP's

For an official copy of the minutes, please visit the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY or call 439-4955.

Meeting Notes – Meeting 1

November 21, 2006

Page 2 of 3

- Trail Connectivity – important component to development along waterfront
- Interpretation opportunities:
 - Henry Hudson Park
 - Old dock
 - Ice harvesting
 - Create connections between historic sites and areas
 - Town considering purchase of various sites along waterfront (Depending on the results of the Park Master Plan)
 - Ft. Nassau – 1614
- Scenic Hudson purchased property South of Henry Hudson Park
 - ~ 115 acres
 - Binnen Kill Preserve
- Williams Site – Town considering purchasing
- Victor Gush – Has project ideas in Bethlehem & East Greenbush
- Open Space Institute – contact for thoughts regarding regional waterfront opportunities
- Scenic Hudson – Invite to meeting to discuss property?
- CDRPC – initiative for consolidating runoff / storm water / sewer lines
- Job Corps Property (Owned by DOL)
 - ~ 300 acres
 - ~ 3000' of frontage
 - Town owns ~ 60 acres north of site
 - Alternative use will have to find new location
- Waste Management concerns
- Limitations
 - Infrastructures – East of Rt. 144
 - Access
 - Poor water quality (sewage dumped into river)
- Town DPW is currently mapping storm water outflow points.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - Plant puts odors into Park
 - Need to add capacity?
- Shoreline deterioration
 - Bulkhead, erosion
 - Army Corps used to maintain but stopped
- Erosion issues along the Normans Kill

Henry Hudson Park

- Bulkhead erosion
- Trails
- Ice skating
- Boat launch – Needs improvements
- Restaurant or at least snack food opportunity
- Limit mixing of motor boats & car top boats
 - Maintain “peaceful” areas
- Rowing

SARATOGA ASSOCIATES

Meeting Notes – Meeting 1

November 21, 2006

Page 3 of 3

- Program for year round use – make it a destination
- Boy scout trails (not maintained)
- Connect with Vloman Kill
- Docks for temporary Use
- Could be permanent location for Halfmoon
- Accessibility is an issue
- Make more known to community

Submitted, December 2006

SARATOGA ASSOCIATES

Landscape Architects, Architects, Engineers, and Planners, P.C.

Robert J. Holzman