

## MEETING MINUTES

Mettowee River Revitalization Strategy Steering Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Purpose: Kick-off Meeting

Attending:

Jay Niles, Mayor of Granville  
(Village)

Roger Hurley, Supervisor of  
Granville (Town)

Andy Labruzzo, NYS Department of  
State

Molly Celani, Slate Valley Museum

David Bridges, Slate Valley Museum

Pat Wesner, Pember Museum

Dan Williams, Department of Works  
Tori Riley, Washington County LDC

Joe Driscoll, Washington County  
Soil and Water Conservation Service

Dan Boone, Town Tax Assessor

Lisa Nagle, Elan Planning & Design

Kate Mance, Elan Planning &  
Design

Absent: Father Tom Zelker, Kerri Thomas

**Next Steering Committee Meeting will be held February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Village Hall**

1. Lisa Nagle introduced the consultant team and roles. The committee members introduced themselves as well. Lisa gave a brief overview of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) and Elan Planning & Design, and reviewed the agenda. There was also a brief explanation of the initial public visioning session, which is included as part of the proposed public participation plan.
2. Kate Mance gave an overview of the project scope and schedule. Each task was reviewed briefly, in context of the project as a whole. This includes project scoping, public participation plan, inventory and analysis, vision and priority projects, physical enhancement plan, and draft and final waterfront plan. The project is anticipated to be completed in 6-8 months.
3. Lisa and Mayor Niles explained that the project was originally scoped to be comprised of two phases, in order to take advantage of two rounds of grant funding by New York State Department of State. Since this initial scope was written, the Village received a 2009 EPF grant for the second phase of the project. This means that the Village will most likely be able to roll directly into phase 2 of the project after phase 1 is completed.

4. The committee discussed which agencies and groups should be contacted for stakeholder interviews. Ideas included:

- Chamber of Commerce
- School superintendent
- Trout Unlimited and US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Pember Museum
- Slate Valley Museum
- Snowmobile Club
- Garden Club
- Lion/Lioness Clubs and Rotary
- Rails to Trails
- GPEC
- Little League
- Senior Citizens
- Fire Department

The idea behind conducting these interviews is to allow these important community groups the opportunity to provide input specific to their individual mission and goals, to supplement the input received by the general public. Kate will be contacting these groups over the next several weeks, and will schedule interviews with the groups.

5. Lisa then led a discussion to gather the committee's initial thoughts on the project. This included hopes and fears for Granville, the issues the project will address, and a vision for the future of the waterfront/downtown. This input was recorded by Kate and will be distributed separately.
6. The committee then discussed the waterfront boundary area. Although the boundary area was initially envisioned to include only the Village and the Mettowee, the discussion of the project indicates that including the Indian River and portions of the Town may better serve the project. Andy explained that the purpose of including a waterfront area boundary is to give a logical limit to the information gathered in the inventory and analysis, and it may be expanded as needed to serve the project. It was decided that Elan will attempt to determine whether including a waterfront boundary is helpful to the project, and if so, this area will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

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