



MINUTES OF THE EASEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Hutson, *Committee Chair*
Paul Gallay, *via Teams*
Wayland 'Bud' Gladstone
Karl Gockel, *via Teams*
Fred Huneke
John Verhoeven, *via Teams*
John Vickers, *NYC DEP Representative, via Teams*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ryan Naatz, *Executive Director, via Teams*
Serena Orleski, *Easement Program Manager*
Bill Martin, *Easement Program Acquisition Coordinator*
Mike Morales, *Easement Program Stewardship Coordinator*
Brent McKeon, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Matt Schaefer, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Troy Bookhout, *Easement Program Conservation Planner*
Kayla Atanasoff, *Easement Program Executive Assistant*
Michael Vander Werff, *NYC DEP, via Teams*
Lee Harris, *NYC DOI, via Teams*
Paul Kacmarczyk, *NYS DOH, via Teams*
Morgan Tarbell, *NYS DOH, via Teams*

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Sean Leddy, *Delaware County Planning, via Teams*
Nick Carbone, *Delaware County Watershed Affairs, via Teams*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2024 public meeting of the Easement Committee.

Motion: John Vickers

Second: Bud Gladstone

Motion Carried

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

A. May Easement Committee Meeting - *added as a Discussion Item*

B. Upcoming Amendment Request - *added as a Discussion Item in Executive Session*

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT/PROGRAM MOTIONS

- A. Chair's Report

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. May Easement Committee Meeting

John Vickers asked if the May 1, 2024 Easement Committee meeting time could be rescheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Committee members agreed to the meeting time change.

VI. STEWARDSHIP MOTIONS

None

VII. STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

- A. Patricia Miele (PID# 6192): Stream Work BMP – Staff Approval

Brent presented this update. He explained that he received a request from Patricia Miele regarding Watershed Agricultural Program (WAP) stream work BMPs #30 and #32. BMP #30 would implement rip rap and step pools along portions of streambank to provide erosion stability. BMP #32 would implement one (1) gravel cattle crossing with a culvert and two (2) concrete slat cattle crossings. This request was approved by Stewardship staff, and he will continue to work with WAP staff throughout the permitting and implementation process.

Paul asked if these particular BMPs have any relationship to changes in precipitation patterns that could be relevant to the AgMIP research staff at Columbia University. If so, he encouraged staff to reach out. Troy explained that these BMPs are engineered to historic, as opposed to changing, standards for rainfall factors.

- B. County of Putnam (PID# 6600): Rural Enterprise Request – Staff Approval

Mike presented this update. He explained that County representatives reached out last month to discuss a 2024 concert series. At the time, they were unsure if the concerts would be held this year; he has since received confirmation that they will. The setup for the concerts will remain the same as last year and there will be seven (7) concerts total. Staff approved a rural enterprise request for a 480 sq. ft. removable platform stage that will be permitted for use between April 1st and October 1st. The stage and all other associated improvements will be located within a Municipal Acceptable Development Area (MADA) and will be removed between each concert event.

Mike concluded by explaining that he will be making a trip to the Tilly Foster Farm with Bill the next day for further discussions in an amendment process that would seek, in part, to improve the set-up and layout of these concert series in the future. He also indicated that he has the second annual site visit for this easement property scheduled in October to ensure that all necessary removals have taken place following the last concert. He also noted that

communication with County representatives continues to be satisfactory, so whether or not an amendment is approved, he feels confident that there is a system in place to accommodate these concert series moving forward.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IX-XI)

Motion at 10:19 a.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Violations/Legal Updates, Acquisition Project Motions/Updates, and Other Business.

Motion: John Vickers

Second: Paul Gallay

Motion Carried

Motion at 11:14 a.m. to come out of Executive Session.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: John Vickers

Motion Carried

IX. VIOLATIONS/LEGAL UPDATES

None

X. ACQUISITION PROJECT MOTIONS/UPDATES (MOTIONS IN PUBLIC MEETING)

ACE Project Motions

None

FCE Project Motions

A. (PID #6321): Land Plan Approval & Appraisal Authorization

Motion to approve the land plan for PID# 6321 on the Land Planning Maps dated February 15, 2024, as presented, and authorize appraisal of an easement under the following scenario:

One (1) ADA consisting of ~8.59 acres, one (1) MUA consisting of ~35.31 acres, one (1) FA consisting of ~53.33 acres, and zero (0) additional tax parcels.

<u>Existing</u>		<u>Land Plan</u>		<u>Total</u>
Tax parcels:	1	+	Subdivision:	0 = <i>Tax parcels: 1</i>
			ADA:	1 = <i>ADA: 1</i>
			MUA:	1 = <i>MUA: 1</i>

Motion: Bud Gladstone

Second: Fred Huneke

Motion Carried

Note: Karl Gockel left the meeting ahead of voting, but the Committee had a quorum to

proceed.

Updates

None

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Amendment Request

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. by common consent.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., via Teams.**