

HISTORIC HUDSON HOOSIC RIVERS PARTNERSHIP



Monday, February 24, 2025

Gateway Visitors Center

Schuylerville, New York

MISSION STATEMENT

The Partnership's mission is to preserve, enhance and develop historic, agricultural, scenic, natural and recreational resources and the significant waterways within the Partnership Region. Through the tradition of municipal home rule, the Partnership will foster collaborative projects with pertinent non-profit and governmental entities with an emphasis on both agricultural and open space protection, economic and tourism development and interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA – 9:30 am

Call Meeting to Order – Tom Richardson

Secretary's Report – Joe Durkin – January 27, 2025 meeting minutes (sent separately)

Financial Report – Ed Kinowski, Drew Alberti

- Current account balance, income/deposits, expenses;
- 2024 ESD grant Agreement implementation.
- 2025 ESD Grant Agreement, updates
- Managing cash flow/payments.

Chairman's Report – Tom Richardson

- GVC as 250 Celebration headquarters/office – Saratoga County Updates

Operations of GVC – Kate Morse, Drew Alberti, Ian Murray

- Management - Staffing, days open, events
- Maintenance – building and grounds

Regional Projects

- Regional Projects- updates, ideas, suggestions
- Improve/Increase Access to Hoosic River – Collaborating with Hoosic River Watershed Association (HooRWA) - Community Meeting and Community Outreach- Joe Durkin, Drew Alberti

Finance Summary

Current Account Balances:

General Operating – Since last Meeting Financial Report - Starting Balance \$57,989 minus Expenses \$31,315; Ending Balance \$26,674.

2024 ESD Grant Reimbursement: (reimbursement only for expenses actually paid)

-First Request for Expenses April 1, 2023 to March 1, 2024, Total Reimbursement Received - \$67,790 -Included; Building maintenance/operations – \$22,790, Flatley Read - \$30,000, Hudson Crossing Park-\$15,000

-Second Request, Expenses paid from March 1 to August 27 Total Reimbursement Received \$51,982. Includes; Hudson Crossing Park (GVC Management/Staff) - \$39,440, GVC projects - \$9,895, Routine operating expenses-\$2,647

- Third Request, Submitted – February 5, 2025 – Amount requested \$30,227' This includes amounts paid to Hudson Crossing Park and Flatley Read through June 2024 (see Expenses below).

2025 ESD Grant, The complete Grant Disbursement Agreement has been signed and sent back to ESD.

Cash Flow. There is 26,674 available to pay future expenses until the final/current 2024 ESD reimbursement is received (\$30,227). ESD has advised we may submit for reimbursement under the 2025 GDA even while the Third Request under the 2024 GDA is still outstanding and under review by ESD. We discussed at last meeting making payments to Hudson Crossing Park to bring them more current in reimbursement for staffing costs. With ability to request reimbursement under 2025 GDA, we can plan accordingly.

General Operating Account 2025 Summary to date

Balance from 2024 \$ 6,413

Income

Municipal contributions \$ 0

ESD Reimburse (2nd) \$51,983

Total Income \$58,396

Expenses (-)

Administration* \$15,150

GVC Management/Programs** \$15,565

National Grid \$ 502

Water Management Board \$ 0

Maintenance/Construction \$ 150

Spectrum \$ 340

Bank fees \$ 15

Total Expenses \$31,722

Current Balance \$26,674

*Flatley Read, ** Hudson Crossing Park

**GVC Report February 2025
submitted by Kate Morse**

CURRENT GVC HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday, 10am – 1pm

Saturday & Sunday, 11am – 3pm

Events/Programming:

1. Hosted the Community Conversations meeting Wednesday, February 5
2. The story of Solomon Northup by historic reenactor Cliff Oliver Mealy has been rescheduled – it was supposed to be held on Monday, 2/17 but was cancelled due to weather.

Coming up:

1. Red Spruce Concert Sunday, March 9, 3pm -4:30pm
2. Creatures of the Night presentation by wildlife rehabilitator Alexis Broz Saturday, March 29 5:30pm – 7pm

Admin work:

1. Continued promoting/updated the digital display
2. Refreshed brochure displays
3. SNOW/ICE: It hasn't been a kind winter, and HCP staff have spent a combined 10+ hours shoveling/salting and generally dealing with the sidewalks and accessible parking spot. Thankfully Drew found someone to come after the big ice storm, although we do need to work on timing for regular open hours. (They came at 1pm on Monday, which is when we close.)
4. I made the executive decision to close the GVC on two occasions because the walkways could not be cleared by myself or another HCP staff member for the GVC staff on duty.

General Notes:

- Installed the new soap dispenser and filled the paper towel holder with supplies procured by Drew (thanks, Drew!) – does anyone have/know where to find the key for the paper towel dispenser? I picked the lock with a paperclip, but it would be a lot easier with the key. ;)
- Purchased salt and a new shovel with petty cash. Left the receipt in the notebook.