

PCB DREDGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2006 – 4:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman DeCerce; Supervisors Lawler, Wood, Peck, Richardson and Gutheil.

Chairman DeCerce called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the July 11, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. DeCerce distributed handouts summarizing the PCB Committee budget request as follows:

- Prepare a brochure that effectively highlights the numerous projects and initiatives underway or in the planning stages for the Hudson River/Champlain Canal corridor within Saratoga County.
- The brochure will outline projects for which there has been consensus and prioritization by involved Saratoga County municipal leaders.
- The projects outlined in the brochure will be identified as mitigation measures that are necessary to reduce the impacts of the PCB pollution and the subsequent Hudson River Dredging operation.
- The primary purpose of the brochure will be to attract potential grant sponsors and funding sources that will assist in the implementation of the identified Hudson River/Champlain Canal corridor mitigation projects.
- The project will be completed by the LA Group with the assistance of Ambrosino Design, Inc., a well-known local professional graphic design firm, for a cost of \$25,000 plus printing charges.

A copy of the LA Group proposal for the Hudson River Supervisors/Mayors of Saratoga County was distributed to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Ingersoll introduced to the committee samples of different brochure designs for their consideration.

Mr. Peck said it is important to work closely with the Mayors to make sure that all projects are included. He said after considerable review the consensus was that the LA Group put together the best proposal. The deadline for the brochure is expected to be the end of October in time for the grant proposal applications in November. The estimated cost for the printing of 1,000 brochures is between \$3,500 - \$5,000.

Mr. DeCerce said both Tracey Clothier and David Miller would act as point people, working closely with the committee with regard to the structuring of the brochures.

Ms. Clothier distributed handouts to all committee members with regard to suggestions on how to structure the Hudson River/Champlain Canal Blueway Corridor Brochure.

A motion was made by Mr. Gutheil, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with the LA Group to provide services relative to grant applications relating to the Hudson River Dredging, and reproduction services for brochures at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Lawler said it was announced at the July 27th CAG Meeting that the dredging project will be delayed until 2008. Mr. Lawler stated that when dredging starts at the southern end of the dredging project, the towns of Waterford and Halfmoon would have no choice but to get out of the river with regard to drinking water. The EPA has recognized this, and they have guaranteed to pay for the incremental expenses. Since then it has been recognized that the pipeline from Troy will not be sufficient for the capacity needed for the affected communities. To upgrade the connection would cost approximately \$2 million, with additional expenses for storage, etc. Mr. Lawler said the EPA has said they will issue their response with regard to additional funds by September.

On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Peck the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom