

Case 10-T-0139

Champlain-Hudson Power Express Project

Environmental Trust Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

December 04, 2024

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On December 04, 2024, the Governance Committee for the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration, and Research/Habitat Improvement Project Trust (the “Trust”) held a regular meeting.

Pursuant to New York State's Open Meetings Law, as amended, the meeting took place at the Department of Public Services Albany Offices.

Attendees:

Certificate Holders: Josh Bagnato, Sarah Villagomez., Bill Helmer (remote)

Department of Public Service (DPS): Noreena Chaudari, Matt Smith (Remote),

Department Environmental Conservation (DEC): Sita Crouse, Heather Gierloff ; Nicole Baulk (remote)

Department of State (DOS): Matthew Maraglio, Rebecca Ferres (remote),

Trout Unlimited (TU): Roger Olson (remote)

Scenic Hudson: Alex Wolfe, Steven Ballentine

Riverkeeper: Dan Shapley, Drew Gamals

New York City: Jay Goodman Merit Larson (remote, Rebecca Swadeck (remote)

Adirondack Park Agency (APA): Liz Schulyer

Hudson River Foundation (HRF): Jonathan Kramer, Jim Lodge; Laura Logozzo

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m by Josh and a quorum was confirmed.

An in depth working meeting followed to discuss the “25%” portion of the fund and how to target funding.

The Governance Committee went to Lunch from 12-1245

Working meeting re-convened @ 12:52

HRF stated that it would distill the contents of the meeting into a memo to send to the committee members in the new year.

Dan from Riverkeeper asked if there is a way to use the TWGs to get a better menu of high impact projects in the next few years. Project would create a platform to help evaluate success of comprehensive restoration plan. Heather from DEC suggested that its valuable and would want to develop a repeatable process that is also usable in other geographic areas. – HRF memo will include request for scope for this project

A business meeting followed:

CHPE asked for a motion to approved the meeting minutes from the September meeting. NYC moved, DPS seconded, the motion carried unanimously following a correction to add Roberta Swatek as an attendee.

CHPE gave a project update:

- The project is still on track for May 2026 commercial operation and various activities are on going across multiple areas of the project.

HRF discussed the structure of ad hoc technical working groups. The Governance Committee decided that no committee action were required to establish project advisory groups. The invitation of new organizations to participate require GC approval however the change is people representing organizations does not require GC approval.

HRF provided a project status summary and offered to provide access to their google drive. Please request access from HRF if desired.

HRF indicated that it is widely distributing RFPs and stated that 3 responses were received for the Oyster RFP and 2 for the Lake Champlain RFP. Expecting more RFP responses in March.

New meeting dates were agreed upon, March 12, 2025 June 11, 2025, September 10, 2025, and December 10, 2025 from 1:30-3

Following some discussion, CHPE will review the project website to ensure that sections related to the Trust are accurate.

Josh requested a motion to conclude the meeting. NYC moved, Scenic Hudson seconded, the meeting ended at 2:40 pm