

**Minutes of the Executive Committee**  
**Of the**  
**Niagara River Greenway Commission**  
**Beaver Island State Park**  
**January 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Robert Kresse at 2:06 p.m. and the roll was called by the Secretary Paul Leuchner. A quorum of members was present.

Attendees: Robert Kresse, Commission Chairman  
Richard Soluri, Vice-Chairman  
Paul Leuchner, Secretary  
Ron Pillozzi, Commissioner, Chair Local Government Advisory Committee  
Angela Berti, NYS Parks representing Mark Thomas  
Ron Hayes, NYS Department of Transportation  
Rob Belue, Executive Director, Niagara River Greenway Commission

Absent: John Giardino, Treasurer  
Paul Dyster, Commissioner, Chair Citizens Advisory Committee

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 18th, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Richard Soluri and seconded by Paul Leuchner. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Financial Report**

On behalf of Treasurer John Giardino, Executive Director Rob Belue gave the financial report for the quarter ending December 31, 2008. At the end of the quarter the funds on hand amounted to \$156,600.33. Efforts are continuing to keep expenditures to a minimum. Mr. Belue noted that an invoice for 2008 meeting room expenses in the amount of about \$2,500 will be received shortly.

**Local Government Advisory Committee Report**

Commissioner Ron Pillozzi reported on the December 8, 2008 meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee which was convened to discuss the development of a single standard for signage and trail amenities (picnic tables, railings, benches etc.) within the Niagara River Greenway. During the meeting greenway standards used in other communities were presented and discussed. A follow up working meeting with the respective Chairs of the various standing committees is planned in the near future to reach agreement on the adoption of a universal signage standard.

### **Proposed Amendment Niagara River Greenway By-Laws**

Commissioner Paul Leuchner outlined his proposal for amendment of the by-laws of the Niagara River Greenway Commission (Article 7, Subsection 7.2, Paragraph a., Executive Committee, Tasks, Sentence Six). The intent of this change was to eliminate the monthly Executive Committee meetings that are required to be held during months when the Niagara River Greenway Commission does not meet. Although this change still permits Executive Committee meetings on an as needed basis, it was anticipated that this change would eliminate six meetings of the Executive Committee reducing travel expenses and making better use of Commission member's time.

Accordingly, a motion was made by Commissioner Leuchner requesting Executive Committee endorsement of a change to Article 7, Subsection 7.2, Paragraph a., Executive Committee, Tasks, and Sentence Six to read as follows: "The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the regular meetings of the COMMISSION. On other occasions when business matters need to be brought before the Executive Committee additional meetings may be scheduled as required." The motion was seconded by Richard Soluri. Chairman Kresse called for a vote on the motion and it was adopted unanimously. The measure will be referred to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for final action.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting of the Executive Committee was made by Ron Pillozzi and seconded by Paul Leuchner. The meeting concluded at 2:25 p.m.

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Paul G. Leuchner, Secretary  
Niagara River Greenway Commission