

**Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 2019
Town of Malta
2540 Route 9, Malta, NY 12020**

Meeting called to order at 3:38 pm by Chairman Kevin Hedley.

Present:

Chairman Kevin Hedley, Vice Chairman Brendan Chudy, Secretary Rita Cox, and Board Members David Wood, Rocco Ferraro, Josh Spain, and Ed Kinowski,

Staff and Guests:

Saratoga Partnership Staff: Martin Vanags, Michele Battle, Mary Estelle Ryckman, Jennifer Kelley
Clifton Park Supervisor Phil Barrett, Malta Councilperson Craig Warner, Aquatic Center Representative
Mike Relyea

Newly Appointed Board Members Present: Todd Kusnierz, and Tim Szczepaniak

(Not counted towards quorum as they had yet to be approved by the Board of Supervisors)

Board Members Absent: Treasurer Art Johnson, Penny Hill, Charles Wait, Anita Daly, Kevin Tollisen

A motion to accept the Minutes from January 31st was made by Brendan Chudy and the motion was seconded by Rita Cox. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurers report was presented by Marty Vanags. There were no questions or concerns.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ed Kinowski, and the motion was seconded by Brendan Chudy. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Relyea from the Adirondack Aquatic Center (AAC) gave a presentation on the proposed Aquatic Center in Malta on Route 67. He stated that the Adirondack Aquatic Center (AAC) is a planned 80,000-square-foot indoor aquatic facility that will be the premier facility of its kind in the Northeast. This state-of-the-art facility will provide swimming instruction for all ages, offer aquatic therapy and exercise, and serve as a host for local, regional and national aquatic competitions. Adirondack Aquatic Center will help save lives through Learn-to-Swim programs, increase the health of the population in our region, and draw more than 100,000 athletes and spectators each year. Planning for AAC began in the summer of 2013 when a group of swim parents identified the need for a state-of-the-art aquatic center in the Capital Region. The parents contracted with TSE Consulting, an international firm with expertise in assessing a region's aquatic programming needs, to further explore this possibility. The firm's study results showed that the Capital Region is indeed underserved in terms of year-round, accessible, indoor water. Although there are a number of pools in the region, each of these has been designed to serve the needs of specific user groups. Facility operators prioritize the needs of their target users, leaving many aquatic groups underserved and competing for access to the few remaining hours of pool time. With this in mind, the AAC Board of Directors worked with an aquatic engineer and architectural firm to develop a schematic of the proposed facility and capture AAC's vision on paper. Conceptual designs and cost estimates were completed for the planned location off of Northway Exit 12 in Malta, New York. Initial estimates put the cost for construction at approximately \$22 million. The Board of Directors plans to raise the necessary funds through a combination of public and private funding including tax-deductible donations, grants, and loans.

Next Supervisor Phil Barrett spoke about how the Aquatic Center will be beneficial to Saratoga County and we need to really fight hard to get the Aquatic Center built in the county, rather than just let them go to a neighboring county. Supervisor Barrett emphasized the impact that these types of sports centers have on the local economy.

There was a brief question and answer session where the discussion of funding was discussed. No immediate solutions were made about these funding requirements but noted the importance of closing the funding gap.

The Board thanked Mr. Relyea and Supervisor Barrett for their presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Recording Secretary_____