



MINUTES OF THE EASEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

October 1, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Hutson, *Committee Chair*
Paul Gallay
Wayland 'Bud' Gladstone
Jennifer Grossman
Fred Huneke
Michael Vander Werff, *NYC DEP*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ryan Naatz, *Executive Director*
Amy Faulkner, *Director of Operations*
Serena Orleski, *Easement Program Manager*
Rebecca Morgan, *Land Protection Coordinator*
Mike Morales, *Easement Program Stewardship Coordinator*
Dennis Heinz, *Land Conservation Systems Specialist*
Matt Schaefer, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Julian Motola, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Troy Bookhout, *Easement Program Conservation Planner*
Kayla Atanasoff, *Easement Program Executive Assistant*
Steve Reed, *WAC Councilmember*
Jason Helmbold, *WAC Councilmember*
Pat Palmer, *NYS DOH*
Morgan Tarbell, *NYS DOH*

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2025 public meeting of the Easement Committee.

Motion: Jennifer Grossman

Second: Bud Gladstone

Motion Carried

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- A. New Land Protection Coordinator Introduction – *added to Discussion Items*

IV. CHAIR’S REPORT/PROGRAM MOTIONS

None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. New Land Protection Coordinator Introduction

Serena took a moment to introduce Rebecca Morgan as the new *Land Protection Coordinator* to Committee members. She explained that Rebecca is replacing Bill Martin’s former position of *Easement Program Acquisition Coordinator*.

VI. STEWARDSHIP MOTIONS

None

VII. STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

- A. Wayland and Suzanne Gladstone (CE ID 6041-01): Rural Enterprise Request – Staff Approval

Matt presented this update. He explained that staff approved a new Rural Enterprise Request submitted by the landowners for a Fall Harvest Festival scheduled on October 4th weekend. All temporary improvements for the event will be located within the Acceptable Development Area (ADA), and promptly removed afterwards.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IX-XI)

Motion at 10:10 a.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Violations/Legal Updates, Acquisition Project Motions/Updates, and Other Business.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Bud Gladstone

Motion Carried

Motion at 10:45 a.m. to come out of Executive Session.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Bud Gladstone

Motion Carried

IX. VIOLATIONS/LEGAL UPDATES

None

X. ACQUISITION PROJECT MOTIONS/UPDATES (MOTIONS IN PUBLIC MEETING)

ACE Project Motions

None

FCE Project Motions
None

Updates
None

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Water Withdrawal Permit

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., via Teams**