

Facts about the Wanakena Footbridge Reconstruction Project:

Up until now, there have been many, many "behind the scenes" hours devoted to the Footbridge. Here are the facts to date. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

1) Information: The Wanakena Footbridge Reconstruction Project has been a constant Agenda item for all Town Council meetings since its demise in January of 2014. All approvals thus far have had unanimous votes by the Town Council. Information regarding meeting minutes and decisions is easily accessible at <http://townoffine.org> and it will take you to the Town of Fine: Homepage: [Digital Towpath], click on that and then on the left side under Quick Links you will see Meetings, click on that and then you will see Town Board Meeting, click on that and then you will see dates of meetings.

2) Wanakena Footbridge Reconstruction Committee Chairs:

Coordinator: Mark Hall, Town of Fine Supervisor

Donations & Fundraising: Allen Ditch, Wanakena Resident, Marsha Smith & Ron Capone, Seasonal Wanakena Residents (Wanakena Historical Association)

Grant Identification & Writing: Susan N. Westbrook, Wanakena Resident (Town of Fine Councilwoman)

Legal Counsel: Christopher E. Cooper (Town of Fine Attorney)

Regulatory Affairs: Sherman Craig - Wanakena Resident (Volunteer for many Committees in the Clifton & Fine area, Adirondack Park Agency Commissioner)

Salvage Design & Construction: Thomas Sauter - Seasonal Wanakena Resident (25 years' experience with project management for community development and infrastructure projects, Deputy Executive Director of Development Authority of the North Country)

Administrative Support, and Note Keeper: Hope Dolan, Town of Fine Clerk

Many, many others have volunteered countless hours behind the scenes and to you go our sincere thanks.

3) \$10,000 St. Lawrence River Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) Grant Agreement: The Town of Fine signed a Grant Agreement, August 14, 2014, with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Local Development Corporation to receive \$10,000.00 from the RVRDA.

4) Cable Inspection: On December 1, 2014 an inspection of the cable was conducted by Dale R. Walters, Mountain Wire Rope Service. Splicer/Inspector J.T. Anderson provided a Certificate of Wire Rope Inspection that indicated, "Wire rope found to meet retirement criteria of the ANSI B77.1 code for wire rope standards due to age and damage assessed during inspection." (The cable is not reusable.)

5) \$125,000 (Matching Grant) Award:

On December 16, 2014, Mark Hall received an award letter from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). The original grant request was \$250,000 and the Town of Fine was awarded \$125,000 (50%) and the Community will match \$125,000 (50%).

On January 28, 2015, Mark Hall received a letter from OPRHP (a copy of which can be found on the Town of Fine's website, under February 11, 2015 meeting).

On February 12, 2015, an Authorizing Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Town Council to accept funds from the OPRHP, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, for the Wanakena Footbridge Reconstruction.

The Committees are working to fulfill the pre-contract requirements with the following hires: (Under the Town of Fine Procurement Policy, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances: a) acquisition of professional services.....)

At its February 11, 2015 meeting, the Town Council voted unanimously to hire Bernier, Carr & Associates (BCA) to conduct a boundary survey. (The revised Agreement & Addenda can be found on the Town of Fine's website under the March 11, 2015 meeting). BCA is donating the topographic portion of the survey, a critical piece for the bridge design process.

On February 16, 2015, Brownell Abstract Corporation was hired to provide an Abstract to fulfill another pre-contract requirement.

6) Delisting: Kathleen LaFrank, OPRHP, in an e-mail dated January 28, 2015 stated, "..... we are in the process of having the bridge removed from the National Register. Now that the bridge has been destroyed, it no longer retains the qualities that made it significant." (We have not received a formal letter yet.)

7) \$78,000+ Wanakena Historical Association Footbridge Fund Raising: Through a tremendous community effort and show of support, the Wanakena Historical Association Footbridge Fund Raising effort has raised \$78,000 to date.

8) DOT TAP Funds Declined: Upon careful consideration and review of grant requirements, by a unanimous vote on February 11, 2015, the Town Council respectfully and regretfully declined the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant from the NYS Department of Transportation.

9) \$50,000 from the Dormitory Authority State of NY (DASNY) Senator Joseph Griffo's Office. On February 23, 2015, Mark Hall signed a contract for funds. The allocation of these funds is as follows: \$3000 to reimburse the Town of Fine for the initial damage assessment by Crawford & Stearns; \$32,200 to reimburse the Town of Fine for removal of the bridge from the water by Continental Construction (Under the Town of Fine Procurement Policy, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances: a) acquisition of professional services; b) emergencies {costing less than \$35,000}.....), and \$14,800 is allocated for bridge design.

10) Crawford & Stearns Hired for Footbridge Design Phase. At its March 11, 2015 meeting, the Town Council voted unanimously to hire Crawford & Stearns (C & S), Architects and Preservation Planners (and their Consulting Engineers, Klepper Hahn & Hyatt) (a copy of the proposal can be found on the Town of Fine's website under the March 11, 2015 meeting). (Under the Town of Fine Procurement Policy, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances: a) acquisition of professional services.....) Crawford & Stearns will provide a bridge design (which will be presented to the Community for review before its final approval by the OPRHP), and information needed for competitive bidding, solicitation of three price quotes, RFP's, etc. The response from the Parks Department about moving forward with Crawford & Stearns is..."They should be a great asset as Randy Crawford has been and is involved in several OPRHP grant projects."

11) OPRHP Project Sign Requirement: At its March 11, 2015 meeting, the Town Council signed the Voucher to purchase a low cost, 20" x 28" informational sign (for \$56.55), required to be posted at the footbridge site during the duration of the project.

12) Adk Compliance, LLC, Wanakena, NY. Chris Westbrook, Owner, Timothy J. Westbrook, Owner, and Susan N. Westbrook, Expediter, are donating all of the time required for processing all of the permits required for the reconstruction project.