

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**North Shore Council of Governments**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**West Monroe Town Hall, 46 County Route 11, West Monroe, New York**

### **Attending:**

**Central Square:** Mudd Murphy, Ken Sherman

**Cleveland:**

**Constantia:** Ron Chapman, Richard (Rip) Colesante (chair); Dan Poné

**West Monroe:** Vern Sundet

**NorCOG staff:** Paul M. Baxter, Heidi Tompkins (associate)

**Tug Hill Commission:** Matt Johnson, Matt Smith

**Guests:** Tom Rhinefierd (resident); Paul Brissette, Hastings Planning Board; Debbie Bilello, Greater Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce; Marcy Korczakowki, North Shore Coffee & Tea Company

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. and an attendance list was circulated and attendees were introduced.**

**MRB Study:** Steering committee meeting took place last Wednesday. The study is going pretty well. Vern brought up the idea of a North Shore Community Center. West Monroe needs a comprehensive plan update. Additional copies of the survey will be distributed. Rip suggested that municipalities with signs might mention the survey on those. Additional means of distribution were discussed: fire departments, VFWs, American Legions, circulation through the schools.

The group discussed what they would like to see more of from the study: Oneida Lake, fishing, lodging, tourism.

Mudd Murphy discussed the Micron Community Outreach Committee meeting yesterday, and the impacts of Micron on housing and development

I-81 and its impacts of area development was discussed.

Next phases of the MRB study – steering committee meeting in early 2024, and a community meeting in January 2024. That might be pushed back a little.

**Route 49 traffic study:** Matthew Smith reported. Vern Sundet asked, how do we move forward. The application is due by December 22; we're trying for a joint application with the county. Part of this is establishing a boundaries of the study – approximately U.S. 11 to County Route 37?

Rip moved, seconded by Vern, for NorCOG to support the traffic study application; unanimously in favor. Individual town and village support as well would help. We could 'play the Micron card' for a greater expansion of the study boundaries of the 'traffiched.' As a follow-up to this, or complementary to this, a "Complete Streets" project might augment the effort.

**Next meeting:** January 2024; election of officers, and consideration of 2024 Tug Hill Local Government Conference sponsorship

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Paul M. Baxter  
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