| Organization River Area Council of Governments |   |
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| Board  | Executive Board   |
| Date and<br>Time                               | Tuesday, January 16 2001 at 7:00 PM   |
| Place  | Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St., Carthage NY 13619 |
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## Minutes

**TO:** Mayors/Supervisors and Boards of the T/Champion, T/Wilna,

V/Carthage and V/West Carthage

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Council Clerk

DATE: January 17, 2001

RE: Minutes from Janaury 16, 2001 River Area Council of Governments

meeting

Members present: T. Buckley, M. Franchini, L. Gerber, D. Getman, W. McIlroy, M. Sligar, J. Smith, and T. Stewart

Others present: K. Amyot, R. Roch, and J. Waterbury

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The Board reviewed the monthly report submitted by Kathleen Amyot, Circuit Rider. K. Amyot commented on her role as a link between the communities and the resources available to them. Ms. Amyot reported on current initiatives including the development of committees to address "Main Street" revitalization and joint recreation and the website development. Ms. Amyot emphasized recommendations for future initiatives including a meeting with representatives from the villages of Johnstown and Gloversville to discuss cooperative efforts that have been successful in their area and the development of a mission statement and by-laws for RACOG.

The hardware for the webserver has been delivered and will be set-up pending the installation of the server connection from Time Warner.

The "Main Street" revitalization committee had their initial meeting with 22 committee members present. The meeting addressed the objectives of the Quality Communities Grant. A short brainstorming session was held. The next meeting will be held on 1/23/01 at 6:00PM at the Village of Carthage.

The Council discussed the proposed membership of the joint recreation committee. Motion by Mr. Sligar, seconded by Mr. Gerber to approve the membership suggestion made by Mr. Buckley at the meeting held on 12/19/00 for recommendation to the component boards. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Waterbury updated the Council on the activities of the planning study committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/25/01 and will include the Zoning Board of Appeals chairmen.

Mr. Buckley questioned if a common Zoning Board of Appeals is being discussed. Ms. Waterbury responded that a common Zoning Board could be a natural progression of the efforts to make the laws uniform but would require an intermunicipal agreement.

Mr. Smith commented on recent articles in the Carthage Tribune and Watertown Times concerning the consolidation of specific village services.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Gerber to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

## The next meeting is scheduled for 2/20/01 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage.

Christina Vargulick