

**CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION**

**Annual Board of Directors Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**April 1, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Thomas Snow.

**III. Roll Call of Directors**

**Members Present:** Donald Brandow, Deborah Meyer DeWan, Martin Donnelly, James Eisel, David Warne (*New York City DEP*), Thomas Hynes, Innes Kasanof, Berndt Leifeld, Wayne Marshfield, Tina Molé, Richard Parete, Robert Pelham, Thomas Snow (*New York State DEC*) and Michael Triolo.

**Members Excused:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Timothy Cox, Diane Galusha, Todd Henderson, Nathaniel Hendricks, John Jacobson, Larry Kelly, Leo LaBuda, Wendy Loper, James Martin, Jason Merwin, Barbara Puglisi, Alan L. Rosa, Phil Sireci, and Frieda Suess.

**Others Present:** Ursula Basch (*NYS Economic Development*), Tatiana Boba (*Special Assistant to Assemblyman Lopez*), Martin Brand (*NYSDEC, Region 3*), Cathleen Breen (*NYPIRG*), Clayton Brooks (*Former CWC Director*), David Brooks (*Supervisor, T. of Denning*), Paula Brown (*Constituent Services Representative to Congressman Gibson*), Steve Bulger (*District Director to Congressman Gibson*), Diana Cope (*Mayor, V. of Margaretville*), Paul Dibbell (*Former CWC Director*), Peg Ellsworth (*Director, M-ARK Project*), Glenn Gidaly (*AICP Barton & LoGuidice*), Jeff Graf (*Chief of Watershed Lands, New York City DEP*), Sam Kandel (*Counselor, Small Business Development Center of Ulster County*), Henry Lamont (*Lamont Engineers*), Catherine Magarelli (*Councilwoman, T. of Woodstock*), Mike McCrary (*Councilman, T. of Jewett and Cornelle Cooperative Extension of Columbia-Greene County*), Arthur Merrill (*Supervisor, T. of Colchester*), Michael Meyer (*NYC DEP*), Carol O'Beirne (*Executive Director, Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce*), Cheryl Petersen (*Reporter, Oneonta Daily Star*), Bill Rudge (*NYSDEC*), Dan Ruzow (*CWC Outside Counsel, Whiteman Ostermann & Hanna*), John Schwarz (*NYCDEP*), Mark Tuthill (*Supervisor, T. of Delhi*), Leonard Utter (*Former CWC Director*), Alan White (*Executive Director, Catskill Center for Conservation and Development*), Jeremy Wilbur (*Supervisor, T. of Woodstock*), and Michelle Yost (*Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District*).

*Michael Triolo thanked Ate O Ate for their hard work and excellent food. He also thanked Dan Ruzow for the homemade carrot cake.*

**IV. Staff Presentation of 2013 Accomplishments**

*Diane Galusha, CWC Director of Communications, made a PowerPoint presentation entitled “2013 In Review”. It summarizes the accomplishments over the past year in the different program areas that CWC administers, in addition to activities, accomplishments, and statistics, since the establishment of the MOA was signed in 1997. Many program on-site photos were shown at various locations throughout the Watershed areas, in addition to the CWC Board of Directors and Staff. CWC staff commented on their respective departments throughout the presentation.*

**V. Board of Directors Election Results**

*Donald “Mike” Brandow announced the election results for one seat in Sullivan County and three seats in Delaware County. Mark McCarthy (Sullivan) was elected to fill a one-year vacancy. Martin Donnelly, James Eisel and Thomas Hynes (Delaware) were reelected to the CWC Board of Directors.*

*Mike Triolo welcomed Mark and thanked Marty, Jim and Tom for their continued service on the Board.*

**VI. Election of Officers:**

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2446 was made by Richard Parete and seconded by Wayne Marshfield.

April 1, 2014

**RESOLUTION NO. 2446**

**ELECT OFFICERS OF THE CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 1 of the by-laws of the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) provide for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to CWC Resolution No. 2, the Board of Directors found it was in the interests of the CWC to establish the office of First Vice President and Second Vice President in order to provide for orderly conduct of the business of the Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Policy Committee recommends the Board elect the following officers: Michael Triolo, President; Berndt Leifeld, First Vice-President; Robert Pelham, Second Vice-President; Donald “Mike” Brandow, Secretary; and James Eisel, Treasurer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors elect the following officers: Michael Triolo, President; Berndt Leifeld, First Vice President; Robert Pelham, Second Vice-President; Donald “Mike” Brandow, Secretary; and James Eisel, Treasurer.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Officers shall serve and carry over until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Member Towns.

***Voice vote, carried unanimously***

**VII. Open Floor: Questions and Comments from Member Towns**

*Mike Triolo thanked the CWC staff for the work that they do throughout the year. He stated that he's proud of the staff, and after working at CWC for nine years he's not encountered another place where staff come to work on time every day and are happy to be here. Mike concluded that CWC staff are out in the field, and what it comes to at the end of the day is they help people.*

*Clayton Brooks recalled the events leading to formation of the CWC, and stated his joy at seeing CWC continue to operate and run the programs, in particular the Septic Program. He thanked the Board and Staff for their hard work, and then honored Alan for being there from the beginning and for doing such a wonderful job leading the CWC.*

*Mark McCrary read a letter from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia-Greene Counties, text as follows: 'We would like to thank the CWC for the important role it provides through its strategic funding. This funding increases the capacity of those organizations in the region, like CCE, that have goals aligned with the CWC. Without this support we couldn't do our work, and we wouldn't be collaborating, and hence learning about, other organizations whose collaborations and cross communication helps facilitate all of our work.'*

A motion to adjourn was made by Berndt Leifeld and seconded by Thomas Snow.

**VIII. Adjournment @ 1:58 PM**