

**CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION**  
**Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 3, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Alan Rosa.

**III. Roll Call of Directors**

**Members Present:** Donald 'Mike' Brandow, Deborah Meyer DeWan, Paul R. Dibbell, Martin Donnelly, James Eisel, Michael Flaherty, Thomas Hynes, Berndt Leifeld, Georgianna Lepke, Wayne Marshfield, Tina Molé, Paul Rush (*New York City DEP*), Richard Parete, Thomas Snow (*New York State DEC*), and Leonard Utter.

**Members Excused:** None

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

**Others Present:** Jeff Graf (*New York City DEP*), Lissa Harris (*Watershed Post*), Dennis Lucas (*Coalition of Watershed Towns/Town of Hunter*), Michael Meyer (*NYC DEP*), Dan Ruzow (*Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna*), John Schwartz (*New York City DEP*), David Warne (*New York City DEP*), and Michelle Yost (*Greene County Watershed Assistance Program*).

**IV. CWC Staff Reports on 2011 Program Achievements**

*Alan took a moment to thank the CWC staff, and noted that we have been through more than you can imagine this year. He also acknowledged the retirement of long-time staff member Michael Triolo, who ran the Economic Development Department for 9 years, and noted that CWC was very fortunate to have him with us to help CWC handle the crisis that we went through due to Tropical Storms Irene and Lee.*

*Kimberlie Ackerley, Diane Galusha, Nathan Hendricks, Leo LaBuda, and Barbara Puglisi gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing accomplishments of CWC Programs for the previous year.*

*Alan presented Mike with a bottle of absynth, which was given to him by a CFF loan program participant from Walton, Cheryl Lynn, who owns and operates the Phoenix Distillery. Mike thanked everyone for their kind words and noted that he has never been prouder to have worked anywhere more than the CWC. We were the first ones there in the bad times, and we acted quickly, without finding excuses for not getting money out. He continued that anyone in Prattsville that received money from us will tell you that CWC gave them hope, CWC gave*

*them a reason to rebuild, CWC gave them a reason to stay. And as an organization, that's all you can ever ask for. He thanked the Board and the staff, and called the opportunity to work here the "capstone" to his career.*

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

**VI. Board Of Directors Election Results**

Mike Brandow announced that Michael Triolo, Delaware County, Steven Jacobs, Greene County, and Robert Pelham, Greene County, were elected to the Catskill Watershed Board of Directors by Watershed Towns supervisors. By phone call and e-mail Mr. Jacobs declined his election. The CWC Policy Committee has scheduled a special election, the results to be announced at the CWC meeting on July 7, 2012. Pursuant to CWC By-Laws, Michael Flaherty will continue to serve as Director until his successor is elected and qualified.

*Alan addressed Len Utter and Paul Dibbell, thanking them for their service and wished them good luck in their new part in life. James Eisel also thanked Len and Paul.*

*Len thanked the Board and expressed gratitude for the help that the CWC has given to the community over the years. He has a greater respect for this organization than ever. He acknowledged Paul Rush, and noted that it has been an honor working with him as a representative of the City of New York.*

*Paul said that there is not much more that he could add to Len's words, other than that he can't imagine himself ever being prouder to work with a group of people other than the Board. He spoke of the staff, noting that there was never a phone call he made that wasn't returned quickly and happily, by competent people. He thanked everyone.*

**VII. Election of Officers:**

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2068 was made by Thomas Hynes and seconded by Tina Molé.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2068**

**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: Georgianna Lepke, President; Berndt Leifeld, First Vice-President; Donald “Mike” Brandow, Secretary; and James Eisel, Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Policy Committee further recommends that the position of second vice-president, formerly held by a Board member elected by Greene County Watershed Town Supervisors, be vacant until 2013.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors elect the following officers: Georgianna Lepke, President; Berndt Leifeld, First 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 2013 annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

*Georgianna Lepke, on behalf of the Board of Directors, thanked Len Utter and Paul Dibbell, welcomed Robert Pelham and Michael Triolo, and thanked Michael Flaherty for being willing to stay on until his replacement is elected and confirmed for Greene County.*

A motion to adjourn was made by Tina Molé and seconded by Michael Triolo.

**VIII. Adjournment @ 2:30 pm**