

NEWS from the CWC

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CWC special Board election results announced; business loans approved

Innes Kasanof, Supervisor of the Town of Halcott, will join the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors in October following a special election for one of two Greene County seats on the Board.

She will replace Michael Flaherty, former Supervisor of the Town of Jewett.

Robert Pelham of Windham is the other Greene County representative on the Board.

The election among Greene County's seven Watershed Town Supervisors was the third round of balloting to seat a representative on the non-profit Local Development Corporation's Board.

Earlier in the year, Steve Jacobs of Jewett was elected but he declined to accept the post. A subsequent special election resulted in a tie between Kasanof and Michael McCrary of Jewett, prompting a third round of voting, the result of which was announced at the CWC Board meeting Sept. 4.

Flaherty, who remained on the Board while mail-in balloting was held, has been representing Greene County constituents on the CWC for 14 years. He was hailed by fellow board members as "a diligent collaborator," and "a gentleman," always ready to listen to all sides of an issue. "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with this board and the CWC staff," he commented at his final meeting as a Board member.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved a low-interest REDI Loan of \$160,000 to attorney David Rikard to enable the purchase of a modular building to serve as a new office in Prattsville (Greene County). Mr. Rikard lost his home-based office in the flood of Tropical Storm Irene a year ago, and has been working for the past several months from rented space in Windham.
- Approved a \$135,000 REDI Loan to Lewis Wendell (Wendell & Associates) for the purchase of the Enderlin Building on Main Street in Roxbury (Delaware County). Wendell anticipates utilizing funds from the MARK Project and other funding agencies to renovate the structure to house two retail businesses and two upstairs apartments.
- Authorized a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Catskill Fund for the Future to Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville (Sullivan County). The funds will be used to create a video exhibit on the development of the NYC Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in the 1990s. The exhibit will be produced by Drew Harty of Galene Studios, Treadwell. The MOA is the groundbreaking pact that established the CWC and formalized partnerships with the City, State and federal governments, and environmental organizations, to protect water quality and preserve communities in the NYC Watershed.

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The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the five-county New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

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