



Public Information and Education MINUTES April 4, 2017

Committee Members Present: Tina Mole, Rich Parete, Berndt Leifeld, Mike Triolo, Tom Snow, Innes Kasanof. Staff present: Diane Galusha, Alan Rosa, Tim Cox. DEP staff: Jim Bogner

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

1. Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were accepted without change.
2. The slate of recommended grants for Round 20 of the Watershed Education Grants Program was distributed to Committee members.
 - a. PEAG recommended 27 grants for students and teachers totaling \$152,726; and four grant for public audiences totaling \$15,616.
 - b. 27% of the student/teacher funds recommended is for WOH students; 66% is for NYC audiences, and one grant, representing 6% of the funds, will serve both WOH and NYC audiences.
 - c. Nine new applicants (6 NYC schools and 3 upstate schools) are recommended for funding.
 - d. Most Special Option requests (8) were for Frost Valley visits; six were for Trout in the Classroom, 2 for Ashokan visits, 1 for a Watershed Model and 0 for Arm of the Sea.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the recommendations as submitted by PEAG, although the student/teacher awards total slightly more than the \$150,000 budgeted. The Public Audience grant fund (\$25,000) was not fully subscribed however. The recommendations will go to the full CWC Board in May.

3. Round 19 update: 23 projects are in process, 2 final reports have been submitted, 1 contract remains to be signed.
4. The 20th anniversary video, and the new CWC website, approved by this committee in January, are complete.

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned 12 noon.