

CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

April 4, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

Hanah Mountain Resort, Margaretville, NY

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call of Directors

Members Present: James Eisel, Thomas Hynes, Innes Kasanof, Berndt Leifeld, Wayne Marshfield, Tina Molé, Richard Parete, Robert Pelham, Vincent Sapienza, Acting Commissioner (*New York City DEP*), Thomas Snow (*New York State DEC*) and Michael Triolo.

Members Excused: Donald Brandow, Martin Donnelly, and Mark McCarthy.

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

Others Present: Aaron Bennett (*Ulster County Department of the Environment*), Clayton Brooks (*Former CWC Board Member*), David Brooks, Supervisor (*Town of Denning*), Paula A. Brown (*Representative for Congressman John Faso*), Won Kyung Chang, Bruce E. Dolph, Chairman (*Coalition of Watershed Towns*), Kim Emmons (*Emmons Pump*), Dean Frazier (*Delaware County Watershed Affairs*), Matt Giannetta (*New York City DEP*), Michael Giuliani (*CWC Sporting Advisory Committee*), Keith Goertz (*New York State DEC*), Charles F. Gregory, Supervisor (*Town of Walton*), Jim Hyde (*New York State DOH*), Peter Innes (*New York State DEC*), Sam Kandel (*Small Business Development Center*), Velga Kundzins (*Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc.*), Ken Kosinski (*New York State DEC*), Henry Lamont (*Lamont Engineers*), Katie Lynch (*EPA, Region 2*), Tracy Magee (*Representative for Assemblyman Peter Lopez*), Lee McGunnigle, Mayor (*Village of Tannersville*), Robert McLaughlin, Special Closing Counsel to CWC (*Hodgson Russ, LLP*), Lisa Melville, Watershed Programs Coordinator (*New York State Department of State WPPC*), Michael Meyer (*New York City DEP*), Carol O'Beirne (*Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce*), Molly Oliver (*Delaware County Watershed Affairs*), Sylvia Rozelle, Supervisor (*Town of Olive*), Bill Rudge, Region 3 Natural Resources Supervisor (*New York State DEC*), Paul Rush (*New York City DEP*), Daniel Ruzow, Outside Counsel to CWC (*Whiteman Osterman & Hanna*), Rex Sanford (*Rex Sanford, PE*), John Schwartz (*New York City DEP*), Michael Shultis (*Former CWC Board Member*), James Sofranko, Councilman (*Town of Olive*), Michael Sterthous, Outside Counsel to

CWC (*Whiteman Osterman & Hanna*), Kelly Turturro, Region 3 Director (*New York State DEC*), Mark Tuthill, Supervisor (*Town of Delhi*), Leonard Utter (*Former CWC Board Member*), Anthony Van Glad, Supervisor (*Town of Gilboa*), Jessica Vecchione (*Vecc Videography*), David Warne (*New York City DEP*), Pamela Young (*New York State DOH*).

IV. Staff Presentation of Accomplishments Over 20 Years

Diane Galusha, CWC Director of Communications, made a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Water and Communities”.

It summarizes the accomplishments over the past 20 years in the different program areas that CWC administers. Many program on-site photos were shown at various locations throughout the Watershed areas. CWC staff commented on their respective departments throughout the presentation.

V. Board of Directors Election Results

Timothy Cox announced the election results for one seat in Schoharie County and one seat in Ulster County. Anthony Van Glad (Schoharie), and James Sofranko (Ulster), were elected to the CWC Board of Directors.

VI. Election of Officers:

A motion to approve Resolution No. 3028 was made by Wayne Marshfield and seconded by Thomas Snow.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3028

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 Number 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; Robert Pelham, First Vice-President; Richard Parete, Second Vice-President; Mark McCarthy, Secretary; and James Eisel, Treasurer; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors elect the following officers: Michael Triolo, President; Robert Pelham, First Vice-President; Richard Parete, Second Vice-President; Mark McCarthy, Secretary; and James Eisel, Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Officers shall serve and carry over until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Member Towns.

VII. Video Presentation

A video production by Jessica Vecchione, of Vecc Videography, was presented, highlighting history of the CWC and it's watershed-wide importance to the preservation, conservation and economic development of the NYC Watershed West of the Hudson. CWC staff, Board President Michael Triolo, partners, and befenficiaries of CWC programs were featured in the film. The video is available on the CWC website.

VIII. Open Floor: Questions and Comments from Member Towns

Bruce Dolph, Chairman of the Coalition of Watershed Towns, said that CWC had done a tremendous job negotiating with all watershed partners on the renewal of the Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD). He remarked that through CWC's programs he foresees future growth for the watershed communities. He encouraged business owners to speak with CWC to help with economic growth in the Watershed.

Lee McGunnigle, Mayor of the Village of Tannersville, noted the tremendous evolution of CWC from when it began in 1997. He noted that while the watershed is still a work in progress, communication has to continue between all watershed partners. He concluded that CWC and its partners will continue to have a positive impact on the Watershed.

Pam Young, New York State Department of Health, state that she has been part of the FAD meetings, which she noted should hopefully be released in a few months, with CWC. She continued that CWC has taken great efforts to bring together all the partners and stakeholders. She concluded that she hoped that those efforts would continue well into the future.

Sam Kandel, Small Business Development Center, stated that CWC is one of the only organizations that he works with that lives up to their mission statement as well as his expectations. On behalf of all customers past and present, he thanked CWC for their hard work and dedication.

Dan Ruzow, partner at Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, stated that CWC has been a wonderful experiment from the start. He continued that the challenge that remains is a generational challenge as those who negotiated the Watershed MOA retire. CWC has been

able to grow and build on successes by continuing the dialogue between partners of the MOA and meet to find resolutions when issues and questions arise. He stressed that we will now need to hand down that understanding. Everyone involved, at times, will be right, sometimes wrong, but always working and listening to each other. He concluded that trust must be built and maintained, and that the partnerships continue and watershed communities are taken care of.

Vicent Sapienza, New York City Department of Environmental protection Acting Commissioner, stated that although he is relatively new to the issues of the Watershed, he knows there was a healthy skepticism in the beginning. He continued that in working with DEP, there were some things that were attempted and failed, and new programs came out of those failure that through CWC have become successes. He continued that the progress and successes through the last 20 years is remarkable and recognized by the regulations. He concluded is wishing CWC continued success and looked forward to continuing to work closely with CWC.

Michael Triolo, CWC Board President, thanks the Board of Directors for all the work they do for the Watershed. He noted that even though board members don't always agree, at least issue are brought forward and discussed, so nothing is hidden. Michael emphasized that transparency is vital to CWC. He noted that when he came to CWC fourteen years ago, Berndt Leifeld was one of the first Board members he met. He continued that Berndt has a way of putting into simple terms what is happening. On behalf of CWC, Michael thanks Berndt Leifeld for his years of service.

Berndt Leifeld wished the CWC Board and staff the best of luck, thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication, and noted that he very much enjoyed his time on the Board.

IX. Adjournment at 1:45 PM