

CWC LAND COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2017
MINUTES

Present: Alan Rosa, Martin Donnelly, Mark McCarthy, James Sofranko, Michael Triolo, Martin Donnelly, Tom Snow (NYSDEC)(By Phone), Michael Meyer (NYCDEP)

Excused: Innes Kasanof

Others Present: Timothy Cox (CWC)

I. Call to Order at 10:28 am

II. Election of Chairperson

Upon motion of Mark McCarthy and second by Michael Triolo, Marty Donnelly was elected chairman.

III. February 2017 Minutes unanimously approved upon motion of Mark McCarthy and second by Michael Triolo

IV. Local Consultation of Land Acquisition Program Contract Amendment

Tim Cox explained that as part of the 2017 FAD side agreement, NYCDEP agreed to increase by \$10,000, to \$40,000, the amount of funding available to towns and villages in the West of Hudson Watershed under the Local Consultation Agreement. Tim continued that funds could be used to comment on noticed land acquisitions and that \$5,000 could be used to review a recently completed town assessment by NYCDEP.

James Sofranko asked how much weight a town's opinion and comment had. Alan Rosa responded that the Coalition of Watershed Towns fought very hard to have recreational uses allowed on City lands. He noted that the West of Hudson Sporting Advisory Committee, which is under CWC, routinely recommends that properties be open to all recreational uses, and usually comments on issues when a town has a concern about uses that could be allowed, such as allowing bow hunting where distances would not allow rifle hunting. Alan continued that it is a slippery and dangerous slope when neighbors of newly acquired DEP lands dictate their use. Alan stated he and CWC Board discourage a town from coming out against recreational uses on City lands. Alan concluded that it is usually a matter of people getting used to a public property being open to recreational use.

Upon motion of Jim Sofranko and second by Marty Donnelly, Committee unanimously recommended CWC Board approve the Local Consultation on Land Acquisition amendment.

V. Other

Tim Cox provided Committee members with a map of City lands open for recreational uses as of December 31, 2016. Dave Warne noted that NYCDEP just enhanced its website

VI. Next Meeting to be scheduled as needed

VII. Adjourned at 10:48 am