

CWC POLICY COMMITTEE

JUNE 7, 2016

MINUTES

Present: James Eisel, Robert Pelham, Michael Triolo, Alan Rosa, Michael Meyer (NYCDEP), Berndt Leifeld, Tina Mole, Thomas Snow (NYSDEC), Michael Brandow, Mark McCarthy (By Phone)

Others Present: Tim Cox (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Wayne Marshfield, Innes Kasanoff, Martin Donnelly, Rich Parete, Alicia Terry (Schoharie County), Dean Frazier (Delaware County Watershed Affairs), Molly Oliver (Delaware County Watershed Affairs), David Warne (NYCDEP), John Schwartz (NYCDEP)

- I. Call to Order at 10:04 am
- II. May 3, 2016 Minutes unanimously approved by Tina Mole and Bob Pelham.
- III. Water Supply Permit Amendment and Side Agreement

Tim Cox reviewed the elements of the Water Supply Permit amendment to provide for the NYC funded flood buyout program. This included the option of a town/village to opt into the program for individual buyouts. Tim noted that individual buyouts for erosion hazard would not be allowed in designated hamlets or Villages.

The Committee and other Board members present discussed

Tim explained that CWC would be funding an outreach lead to be the liaison between interested property owners and participating town, as well as an assessment lead to evaluate eligibility for erosion hazard and inundation buyouts. Alan Rosa asked local members of the committee to contact CWC with their preference of who they would want to serve as outreach lead in their county. Jim Eisel stated that Delaware County would discuss next week and indicated that Delaware County would prefer a county staff person, likely from the County Planning Department, to serve as outreach lead.

Tim also reviewed the side agreement that prohibits CWC from supporting a challenge to the amended permit. The side agreement also provides that the Coalition of Watershed Towns and the City will discuss pending issues in an attempt to resolve them. Tim noted that discussions are continuing, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, June, 13th.

Upon motion of Tina Mole and second by Robert Pelham, the CWC Policy Committee recommended the CWC Board of Directors approve the side agreement.

IV. Other

Tim Cox noted that the contract for Whiteman, Osterman, and Hanna is capped at \$75,000 for 2016. He stated that invoices for Dan Ruzow and Mike Sterthous' time on negotiations may require a contract increase in the next several months. Alan Rosa and Mike Triolo noted that without Dan Ruzow, the negotiations would be proceeding as well as they are.

Mike Triolo asked Molly Oliver from Delaware County Watershed Affairs to address the committee regarding amendments to NYSDEC Solid Waste regulations. Molly noted that Part 360 amendments add historic fill to the definition of solid waste. Molly stated this would have a major impact on flood mitigation projects to restore floodplains. Tom Snow suggested that Delaware County speak directly to

NYSDEC solid waste staff in Albany about their concerns. Dean Frazier, Commissioner of Delaware County Watershed Affairs stated that comments on the amendments are due July 15th and that the County had asked for an extension.

V. Next meeting scheduled for July 5, 2016.

VI. Adjourned at 10:45 am