

CWC POLICY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 4, 2015
MINUTES

Present: Mike Brandow, James Eisel, Tina Molé, Robert Pelham, Michael Triolo, Alan Rosa, Michael Meyer (NYCDEP), Berndt Leifeld, Thomas Snow (NYSDEC)

Excused: Mark McCarthy

Others Present: Tim Cox (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Jeff Graf (NYCDEP)

I. Call to Order at 10:00 am

II. July 7, 2015 Minutes unanimously approved

III. Watershed Protection and Partnership Council Appointments

Tim Cox stated that the WPPC terms for Michael Flaherty on the Executive Council and Erica Gifford on the TAC were coming to an end. Tim continued that per the Watershed MOA, the West of Hudson members of the CWC Board appointed them and would appoint their replacements.

Jim Eisel asked if Mike Flaherty was willing to continue to serve. Tim said he had not contacted him and was looking to the Committee for direction. Committee also discussed if Erica Gifford was still employed by Ulster County. Committee consensus was for Tim Cox to reach out to Mike Flaherty and ask if he was interested in serving for another 4 years and that Rich Parete and Berndt Leifeld would review whether or not to put forward Erica Gifford or other potential nominee for the Technical Advisory Group.

IV. Other

Alan Rosa stated that the Committee requested CWC review personnel policies and post-employment restrictions. Tim Cox provided drafts to the Committee for review. He summarized that a former CWC employee would be forbidden from working on any Watershed MOA matters for six months after leaving CWC and for one year could not appear in front of CWC or work on matters they had worked on while at CWC. Tim continued that is was an ethical issue for CWC and its employees and would be the same if the employee left for public or private work.

Wayne Marshfield expressed a concern of restricting former employees from working. Tim responded that to allow former employees to immediately work on Watershed MOA matters and/or appear in front of CWC could give an improper appearance that they had more leverage at CWC than any other member of the public. He also noted that both NYC and NYS employees are under longer restrictions, also for ethical reasons.

Committee will review and took no action.

V. Next Meeting scheduled for September 1, 2015

VI. Adjourned at 10:28 am