



## **Public Information and Education MINUTES November 3, 2015**

Committee Members Present: Chair Tina Mole, Rich Parete, Marty Donnelly, Berndt Leifeld, Deb DeWan, Innes Kasanof, Mike Triolo. Staff present: Diane Galusha, Alan Rosa, Tim Cox. DEP staff: Jeff Graf

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

1. Minutes from the April meeting were accepted without change.
2. Diane reviewed Round 19 RFP and related documents. Changes to Special Options include: elimination of Streamwatch; restriction of Arm of the Sea performances to West of Hudson venues for this round; and a new provision that automatically provides Watershed Agricultural Council bus grants to NYC schools and organizations who apply for and are recommended for CWC funding for overnight trips to Frost Valley YMCA Environmental Ed Center. This agreement between CWC and WAC was reviewed and approved by PEAG. WAC will allocate up to \$12,000 this round for travel funds for CWC recipients who will not have to submit a separate application to WAC for a bus tour grant.
3. John Riedl has stepped down from PEAG, and Jeffrey Mann, a science teacher at Margaretville Central School, has agreed to join the group. CWC chairman will formally appoint the new member via letter.
4. Diane provided an update on Round 17 final reports – 3 are late, 6 are due in coming months. Round 18: Visits have been made to a number of current projects. A Forest Health Conference funded by a Public Audience Grant awarded this year to Cornell Cooperative Extension, Columbia-Greene Counties, will be held Nov. 14 at Windham.
5. A 6-minute video, “Poetry of a Watershed Stream,” created with a Round 17 grant to Willow Mixed Media, was screened during lunch which followed the Education Committee meeting.

Next meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.