

CWC POLICY COMMITTEE

MAY 4, 2021

MINUTES

Present: In Person: Tina Molé, James Eisel, Joseph Cetta, Chris Matthews, Tina Molé, Richard Parete, Alan Rosa, Alicia Terry, Innes Kasanof, Thomas Snow (NYSDEC), David Warne (NYCDEP)

Others Present: In Person: Jason Merwin (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), James Martin (CWC) Via Zoom or Telephonically: Michael Maloney (NYSDOH)(By Phone)

- I. Call to Order at 10:43 am
- II. Minutes unanimously approved upon motion of James Eisel and second by Richard Parete
- III. Election of Chair - Upon motion of Rich Parete and second by Innes Kasanof, James Eisel unanimously elected chairman of the CWC Policy Committee
- IV. CWC Contract Evaluation Update

James Merwin provided to the Committee a first draft of a contract evaluation form. Jason noted that the evaluation form includes both qualitative and quantitative elements, and as importantly allow for a narrative.

Jeff Senterman stated he supported the effort at evaluating and suggested all watershed partners do the same

David Warne noted that DEP has undertaken increased scrutiny of all payments. An audit staff reviews all contract payments, and by necessity those staff are separate from the DEP Community Planning group staff that routinely interact with watershed partners and approve payments.

Jason noted that he is also providing additional information regarding program agreements, evaluations, payments, and negotiations on new agreements in his monthly executive director reports.

Alicia Terry stated she supported the effort and believed it would be a benefit to other watershed stakeholders as well

Jason concluded that this was the first draft and he would work wit CWC staff to finalize it for each program agreement.

- V. Other

Tim Cox stated that he would provide an update to the full Board in executive session regarding the Town of Middletown tax exemption case. Jason stated that he would also like to discuss hiring of up to two interns in that same executive session.

- VI. Next Meeting scheduled for June 1, 2021.

- VII. Adjourn at 11:16 am'