

CWC POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2021

Present: In Person: Tina Molé, James Eisel, Joseph Cetta, Chris Mathews, Tina Molé, Richard Parete, Alicia Terry, Innes Kasanof, Thomas Snow (NYSDEC), John Schwartz (NYCDEP)

Others Present: In Person: Jason Merwin (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), James Martin (CWC) Michael Maloney (NYSDOH)

Remote Attendance: Patrick Palmer (NYSDOH)

- I. Call to Order at 10:56 am
- II. September, 2021 Minutes unanimously approved upon motion of Alicia Terry and second by Chris Mathews
- III. Revisions to CWC Personnel Policies – Emergency and Pandemic Plan Provisions
Jason Merwin explained that a change in State Law required CWC Personnel Policies to include plans for events, such as pandemics. Jason continued that he attached CWC's plan, including what was developed last year by CWC as an attachment to the CWC Personnel Policies. Upon motion of Rich Parete and second by Alicia Terry, Committee unanimously recommended Board approve the changes
- IV. Other
Jason provided an update on CWC contracts, both funding and invoices as well as status of successor agreements. Jason noted that an invoice for Local Consultation was submitted in June for review but no ok was provided. CWC submitted final invoice in September. David Warne noted that several invoices from Delaware County Planning were for services provided years before the Towns were billed.
Jason continued that as discussed at the Septic Committee, the CWC Septic Program remains closed to new applicants. In the Future Stormwater/MOA 145 programs, CWC and DEP staff had agreed upon a process with the goal being for DEP to identify early those stormwater best management practices that are not being required by DEP. Tim noted that the MOA and contracts stated that CWC reimburses for best management practices in SWPPPs required by DEP. It is difficult to deny funding when DEP approves a SWPPP and only when a reimbursement request is made disagree with some of the stormwater practices in the approved SWPPP.
For Shokan, David Warne stated that additional funding was expected in Mid-2022.
Lastly, Jason explained that CWC and DEP discussed a successor Flood Mitigation Program agreement. Remaining funds in the current agreement have been requested as part of the 2022 budget submittal. Jason stressed that due to the protracted review and slowness of quarterly payments, CWC couldn't accept a new contract that provided only quarterly payments. CWC would accept yearly payments and that would avoid the Board having to decline projects due to lack of funding. Jason noted that DEP's current position continues to be that the contract could only include quarterly payments. Jason concluded that this may be brought back to the Board if agreement can be reached on everything else in the contract.
Jim Eisel asked how DEP funding is doing. David Warne responded that water supply expenses are paid entirely by the rate payers. Water usage is down 6% from projects, and a decline from prior years was expected to remain, primarily due to lower commercial use.
- V. Next Meeting scheduled for November 2, 2021 (Election Day)
- VI. Adjourned at 11:25 am