

**CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**March 4, 2025**

**I. Called to Order at 11:00 AM at the Catskill Watershed Corporation**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Tina Molé

**III. Roll Call of Directors**

**Members Present:** Tina Molé, Alicia Terry, James Sofranko, Dave Warne, Richard Parete, Arthur Merrill, Christopher Mathews, Thomas Hoyt, Joseph Cetta, Innes Kasanof, John Kosier, Allen Hinkley, George Haynes, Jr., Jeff Senterman and Thomas Snow

**Members Excused:**

**Staff Members Present:** Jason Merwin, Timothy Cox, Jim Martin, Donald Brown, Barbara Puglisi, Samantha Costa, Lindsay Ballard, Gemma Young, and Lynn Kavanagh

**Others Present:** Shilo Williams (NYCEP), Aaron Bennett (NYCDEP), Mike Myers (NYCDEP), Gerson Tavaréz (NYCDEP), Patrick Palmer (NYSDOH), Mike Maloney (NYSDOH), Nick Sadler (NYCDEP), Matt Gianetta (NYCDEP), Sean Bannen (RBT), Tomas Olivier (Syracuse University) and Edella Schlager (University of Arizona).

**Others Present Via Zoom:** Tom Stalter (NYCDEP), Lisa Melville (NYDOS), John Winbush (NYDOS), Pauline Wanjugi (NYSDOH), Nick Carbone (Watershed Affairs Coordinator), Dymitry Ostapyszyn (NYCDEP), John Schwartz (NYCDEP) and Heidi Emrich (Ulster County Department of Environment).

**IV. Review and Approval of February 4, 2025, Board Minutes**

A motion to approve the Board Minutes to stand as submitted was made by Tina Molé without objection

*Voice Vote carried unanimously.*

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**V. Presentation of Communications**

**Finance Report**

A motion to approve the financial reports as of September 30, 2024, was made by Arthur Merrill and seconded by Thomas Hoyt.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**Executive Director's Report**

**Committee Schedule**

**Committee Meeting Minutes**

Committee minutes were received and approved as submitted upon motion by Tina Molé.

**VI. Public Discussion**

**VII. Presentation of Resolutions**

A motion to approve Tab 6 to Tab 9, Resolution No. 5608 to Resolution No. 5611, was made by Thomas Hoyt and seconded by Innes Kasanof.

**Septic Over \$30,000 – Maria Dianich – Tab 6**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5608**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE OVER \$35,000:  
MARIA DIANICH**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), the homeowner shall supply detailed quotes from three unrelated contractors, and CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$46,924.30); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined that the eligible amount of the contractor’s quote of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$46,924.30) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the reimbursement of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$46,924.30) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement for a total not-to-exceed amount of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$46,924.30).

**Maria Dianich Over \$35,000:**

Address: 795 McGregor Rd., Stamford, NY 12167

Town: Stamford

Bedroom: 4

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: Dianich Excavating

Sign in date: 4/12/23

Design Application received by DEP: 3/19/24

Design Application deemed Complete: 4/1/24

Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 5/21/24

2-year deadline: 4/12/25

Homeowner and CWC staff received three quotes from unrelated contractors for \$46,924.30, \$50,730.50 and \$58,498.86. The major components include one 1250 gallon septic tank, one siphon chamber, 472 linear feet

of gravity pipe, 600 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one distribution box, effluent filter, 325 linear feet of absorption trench, 110 linear feet of curtain drain, 100 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, 270 linear feet of access road., 37 linear feet of 6” sleeve, open cut road and site restoration. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request in an amount not to exceed \$46,924.30.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**Septic Over \$30,000 – Michael Dianich – Tab 7**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5609**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE OVER \$35,000:  
MICHAEL DIANICH**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), the homeowner shall supply detailed quotes from three unrelated contractors, and CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$36,393.45); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined the eligible amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$36,393.45) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with the schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the reimbursement of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$36,393.45) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement to be the total not-to-exceed amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$36,393.45).

**Michael Dianich Over \$35,000:**

Address: 810 McGregor Road, Stamford NY 12167

Town: Stamford

Bedrooms: 3

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: Dianich Excavating

Sign in date: 4/12/23

Design Application received by DEP: 3/12/24

Design Application deemed complete: 4/1/24  
Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 5/21/24  
2-Year Deadline: 4/12/25

Homeowner and CWC staff received three quotes from unrelated contractors for the amount of \$36,393.45, \$38,372.85 and \$40,817.15. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a siphon chamber, 165 linear feet of gravity pipe, 517 cubic yards of absorption material, one distribution box, an effluent filter, 260 linear feet of absorption trench, 120 linear feet of curtain drain, 75 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, 100 linear feet of improved swale, 175 linear feet of gutters and site restoration. We received a quote for \$36,393.45. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$36,393.45.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**Septic Over \$30,000 – Steven Troup – Tab 8**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5610**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE OVER \$35,000:  
STEVEN TROUP**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), the homeowner shall supply detailed quotes from three unrelated contractors, and CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$72,891.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined that the eligible amount of the contractor’s quote of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$72,891.00) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the reimbursement of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$72,891.00) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement for a total not-to-exceed amount of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$72,891.00).

**Steven Troup Over \$35,000:**

Address: 250 Upper Kennedy Heights Rd., Margaretville, NY 12455

Town: Middletown

Bedroom: 3

Engineer: Steele Brook Engineering

Contractor: Don Allen Excavating

Sign in date: 12/23/24

Design Application received by DEP: 7/3/23

Design Application deemed complete: 5/17/24

Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 9/4/24

2-year deadline: 12/23/26

Homeowner and CWC staff received three quotes from unrelated contractors for \$72,891.00, \$75,250.00 and \$74,251.00. The major components include one 1000 gallon H2O septic tank, one pump chamber, 76 linear feet of gravity pipe, 175 linear feet of force main, 392 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one distribution box, one effluent filter, 240 linear feet of Presby pipe, 30 cubic yards of C-33 sand, 67 linear feet of vent pipe, 67 linear feet of curtain drain, 85 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, 72 linear feet of improved swale, 25 trees to be removed and site restoration. The low quote is within 10% of our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request in an amount not to exceed \$72,891.00.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**Septic Over \$30,000 – Barbara Troup – Tab 9**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5611**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE OVER \$35,000:**

**BARBARA WOJACZEK**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), the homeowner shall supply detailed quotes from three unrelated contractors, and CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$47,850.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined the eligible amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$47,850.00) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with the schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the reimbursement of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$47,850.00) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement to be the total not-to-exceed amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$47,850.00).

**Barbara Wojaczek Over \$35,000:**

Address: 675 Round Hill Road, East Jewett, NY 12424

Town: Jewett

Bedrooms: 3

Engineer: Christopher DeChiaro P.E.

Contractor: Belgian Trucking

Sign in date: 6/5/23

Design Application received by DEP: 5/8/24

Design Application deemed complete: 5/23/24

Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 5/23/24

2-Year Deadline: 6/5/25

Homeowner and CWC staff received three quotes from unrelated contractors for the amount of \$47,850.00, \$50,136.00 and \$50,500.00. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a pump chamber, 85 linear feet of gravity pipe, 57 linear feet of force main, 200 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one distribution box, 240 linear feet of Presby pipe, 45 cubic yards of C-33 sand, 35 linear feet of vent pipe, 95 linear feet of curtain drain, 40 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, remove four trees, 40 linear feet of culvert and site restoration. We received a quote for \$47,850.00. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$47,850.00.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 10 to Tab 13, Resolution No. 5612 to Resolution No. 5615, was made by Allen Hinkley and seconded by John Kosier.

**Septic Over \$30,000 – Additional Cost – Anthony Grande – Tab 10**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5612**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE  
OVER \$30,000 – ADDITIONAL COSTS: ANTHONY GRANDE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 2, 2024, by Resolution Number 5108, the CWC Board approved reimbursement to the previous homeowner, Donna Arnone, in an amount not-to-exceed Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$75,171.60); and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost for the work described in Resolution Number 5108 completed by the contractor for the homeowner was Seventy-Two Thousand Twenty-One Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$72,021.77); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed an additional construction invoice of costs incurred submitted by Anthony Grande for the septic system repair in the amount of Seven Thousand Thirty-Seven Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$7,037.15); and

**WHEREAS**, the total contractor's invoices for this system is more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff have determined the total reasonable cost of the additional work according to CWC Schedule of Values to be Seven Thousand Thirty-Seven Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$7,037.15); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff have determined that Seventy-Nine Thousand Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$79,058.92) is a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving total reimbursement of Seventy-Nine Thousand Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$79,058.92) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement to be the total not-to-exceed amount of Seventy-Nine Thousand Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$79,058.92).

**Anthony Grande Backup**

Address: 63769 State Highway 10, Stamford NY 12167

Town: Harpersfield

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: Ted's Grading & Landscaping

This project was previously approved for \$75,171.62. The contractor deducted \$3,149.85 for a curtain drain included in his original quote that he could not install due to bedrock. The engineer directed him to install 325 linear feet of improved swale in place of the curtain drain. An additional 120 cubic yards of absorption fill material were required because of topography variation that required deeper fill on one end of the absorption field. The driveway had to be widened to get a truck close enough to set the septic tank. The existing cesspool was 20 feet deep. Extra pumping was required to decommission it. The contractor had to add riser sections because plumbing left the house deeper than anticipated. The contractor has requested \$7,037.15 for the added work. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$79,058.92. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Anthony Grande in the amount not to exceed \$7,037.15 for additional costs to build his septic system.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5613**  
**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE**  
**OVER \$30,000 – ADDITIONAL COSTS:**  
**VICTORIA JORGENSEN**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff previously approved Septic Program reimbursement to Victoria Jorgensen in the amount of Ten Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$10,353.84); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2023, by Resolution Number 5089, the CWC Board of Directors approved Ms. Jorgensen for additional costs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$45,800.00) from the MOA Septic Program for total costs of Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$56,153.84); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed an additional construction invoice of costs incurred submitted by the contractor for the septic system repair in the amount of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$4,700.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the total contractor’s invoices for this system is more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined the contractor’s total invoices of Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$60,853.84) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the total reimbursement of Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$60,853.84) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement to be the total not-to-exceed amount of Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$60,853.84).

**Victoria Jorgensen Additional Cost:**

Address: 209 Robbins Rd., Roxbury, NY 12474

Town: Roxbury

Engineer: John Bolger P.E.

Contractor: Jim Peters Excavating

The project was previously approved for \$56,153.84. Before the contractor started digging he noticed a buried electric line. He had an electrician come out and mark the location of the line which is going directly through the proposed leach field. The contractor has submitted a cost to move the existing buried electric line. The contractor has requested \$4,700 for the added work. The total project cost appears to be reasonable and

justified. The total project cost will be \$60,853.84. The Committee recommends that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse the contractor in the amount not to exceed \$60,853.84 for additional costs to build this septic system.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**Septic Over \$30,000 – Additional Cost – Benjamin Kalina – Tab 12**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5614**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE  
OVER \$30,000 – ADDITIONAL COSTS:  
BENJAMIN KALINA**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff previously approved reimbursement to Benjamin Kalina in the amount of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Nine Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$3,809.96); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$89,728.68); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined the eligible portion of the contractor’s quote is Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$53,837.21) in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the total reimbursement of Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$57,647.17) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the total reimbursement of Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$57,647.17).

**Benjamin Kalina Backup**

Address: 371 Bald Eagle Lane, Andes NY 13731

Town: Andes

Bedrooms: 2

Engineer: Rex Sanford

Contractor: G.C. Landscaping & Excavation

Sign in Date: 9/16/24

Design Application received by DEP: 12/22/23

Design Application deemed complete: 1/5/24

Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 10/4/24  
2-year Deadline: 9/16/26

This project was previously approved for \$3,809.96 for an emergency installation of a 1,000 gallon septic tank. Three quotes were received for this project. They were \$89,728.68, \$90,189.15 and \$90,861.55. The major components include 141 linear feet of gravity pipe, 610 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one distribution box, 258 linear feet of absorption trench, 200 linear feet of curtain drain, 40 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, 200 linear feet of improved swale, remove 28 trees, 80 linear feet of access road, 10 linear feet of six-inch sleeve and site restoration. The lowest quote is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction. This is a secondary residence eligible for 60% reimbursement.  $\$89,728.68 \times 60\% = \$53,837.21$ . The total project cost will be \$57,647.17. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Benjamin Kalina in the amount not to exceed \$53,837.21 for additional costs to build his septic system.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**Septic Over \$30,000 – Additional Cost – Winnisook Inc. – Nulti House – Tab 13**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5615**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE  
OVER \$35,000 – ADDITIONAL COSTS:  
WINNISOOK INC.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff previously approved reimbursement to Winnisook, Inc., (Nulti House), in an amount not-to-exceed Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$29,262.99); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three quotes including the low quote of Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Sixteen Dollars (\$66,516.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the total contractor’s invoices for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff have determined the total reasonable cost of the additional work according to CWC Schedule of Values to be Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Sixteen Dollars (\$66,516.00); and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff have determined that Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$95,778.99) is a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving total reimbursement of Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$95,778.99) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement to be the total not-to-exceed amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$95,778.99).

**Winnisook Inc. Additional Cost:**

**Expanded Septic Program:** Multi House

Address: 93 Winnisook Club Rd., Oliverea, NY 12410

Town: Shandaken

Bedrooms: 4

Engineer: Rex Sanford P.E.

Contractor: Estes Plumbing & Excavation

Sign in date: 6/18/24

Design Application received by DEP:

Design Application deemed complete:

Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval:

2-year deadline: 6/18/26

This project was previously approved for \$29,262.99 for installation of an access road. The major components include one 1250 gallon septic tank, 37 linear feet of gravity pipe, 150 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one distribution box, 300 linear feet of Presby pipe, 70 cubic yards of C-33 sand, 18 linear feet of vent pipe, 14 trees to be removed, excavate and spread 4 feet of material, shuttle and set tank with large excavator, shuttle in fill material and site restoration. We received three quotes: \$66,516.00, \$67,706.42 and \$68,312.21. The low quote is within 10% of our estimated cost for construction. The total project cost will be \$95,778.99. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Winnisook Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$66,516.00 for additional costs to build his septic system.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 14 to Tab 15, Resolution No. 5616 to Resolution No. 5617, was made by Richard Parete and seconded by Dave Warne.

**Septic Over \$30,000 – Expanded Septic - Steven Heller – Tab – 14**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5616**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE OVER \$35,000:**  
**STEVEN HELLER**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars

(\$35,000.00), the homeowner shall supply detailed quotes from three unrelated contractors, and CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$59,247.86); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined that the eligible amount of the contractor’s quote of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$59,247.86) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the reimbursement of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$59,247.86) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement for a total not-to-exceed amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$59,247.86).

**Steven Heller Over \$35,000:**

**Expanded Septic Program:** Fabulous Furniture  
Address: 3930 State Highway 28, Boiceville, NY 12412  
Town: Olive  
Engineer: Rex Sanford P.E.  
Contractor: Chad Davis Contracting  
Sign in date: 11/26/24  
Design Application received by DEP:  
Design Application deemed complete:  
Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval:  
2-year deadline: 11/26/26

Homeowner and CWC staff received three quotes from unrelated contractors for \$59,247.86, \$59,874.14 and \$60,911.62. Major components include one pump chamber, 149 linear feet of gravity pipe, 40 linear feet of force main, 280 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one distribution box, 150 linear feet of Presby pipe, 45 cubic yards of C-33 sand, 21 linear feet of vent pipe, 62 linear feet of curtain drain, 23 trees to be removed and site restoration. We received a quote for \$59,247.86. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$59,247.86.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**Septic Over \$30,000 – Expanded Septic – Moon Mountain 2121, LLC – Tab – 15**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5617**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE OVER \$35,000:  
MOON MOUNTAIN 2121 LLC. - EXPANDED SEPTIC PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the 2017 Filtration Avoidance Determination, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) is the program manager for the CWC Expanded Septic Program and implements the Expanded Septic Program consistent per the terms of the Septic V Program Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 13:01:09 of the CWC Expanded Septic Program, Article 13, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), the owner shall supply detailed quotes from three unrelated contractors, and CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed four construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$674,427.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined the contractor’s quote of Six Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$674,427.00) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the reimbursement of Six Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$674,427.00) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement for a total not-to-exceed amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$674,427.00).

**Moon Mountain 2121 LLC Backup**

**Expanded Septic Program & Alteration/Modification: Bovina Montessori School**

Address: 2121 County Highway 5, Bovina Center, NY 13740

Town: Bovina

Engineer: Steele Brook Engineering

Contractor: LaFever Excavating

Sign In Date: 3/23/23

Design Application Received By DEP:

Design Application Deemed Complete:

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval:

2 Year Deadline: 3/23/25

Estimated Total Flow: 9,079 GPD with 20% reduction 2,600 GPD

Property owner and CWC staff received four quotes from unrelated contractors in the amount of \$674,427.00, \$748,687.00, \$996,469.00 and \$1,273,282.49. Major components of their proposed septic system include two 1,000 gallon septic tanks, one 500 gallon grease tank, one 1,250 gallon septic tank, one 1,500 gallon septic tank, one 2,000 gallon septic tank, two 2,500 gallon septic tanks, one 3,000 gallon septic tank, one 3,000 gallon pump chamber, one manhole, one 1,000 vault tank, 2,690 linear feet of gravity pipe, 2,650 linear feet of force main, 10,630 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 4,800 linear feet of absorption trench, nine distribution boxes, eight effluent filters, 26 clean outs, 880 linear feet of access road, 400 linear feet of silt fence, 13 check dams, one dewatering filter, 40 linear feet of temporary culvert, 460 linear feet of stone level spreader, 1,300 linear feet of four feet deep by 20 feet wide swale, 220 linear feet of improved swale, 11 cast iron risers, 12 plastic risers, spread excavated swale material at the top of each absorption field, 75 linear feet of six-inch

sleeve, 90 linear feet of four-inch sleeve and site restoration. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommends to the CWC Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$674,427.00.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 16, Resolution No. 5618, was made by Richard Parete and seconded by Christopher Mathews.

**Septic Over \$30,000 – Second Time Repair – Thomas Hall – Tab 16**

March 4 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5618**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE OVER \$35,000:  
THOMAS HALL**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:09 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules Article 2A, if the total amount requested for reimbursement is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), the homeowner shall supply detailed quotes from three unrelated contractors, and CWC staff shall forward the design with recommendation to the CWC Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff has reviewed three construction quotes, including the lowest quote for the septic system repair in the amount of Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$52,616.00) and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor’s quote for this system is more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC staff have determined that the eligible amount of the contractor’s quote of Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$52,616.00) to be a reasonable cost for this system in accordance with our schedule of values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommend approving the reimbursement of Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$52,616.00) as it is in substantial agreement with our schedule of values.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the eligible cost of this system for reimbursement for a total not-to-exceed amount of Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$52,616.00).

**Thomas Hall Over \$35,000:  
Second Time Repair**

Address: 298 Spadafora Rd., Andes, NY 13731

Town: Andes

Bedroom: 3

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: A&M Excavating

Sign in date: 1/5/24

Design Application received by DEP: 9/14/24  
Design Application deemed complete: 9/23/24  
Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 10/9/24  
2-year deadline: 1/5/26

Homeowner and CWC staff received three quotes from unrelated contractors for \$52,616.00, \$54,440.00 and \$55,790.00. The major components include one 1000 gallon septic tank, 65 linear feet of gravity pipe, 627 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one distribution box, one effluent filter, 220 linear feet of Presby pipe, 26 cubic yards of C-33 sand, 153 linear feet of vent pipe, 100 linear feet of curtain drain, 65 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe and site restoration. We received a quote for \$52,616.00. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$52,616.00.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 17, Resolution No. 5619, was made by Innes Kasanof and seconded by Joe Cetta.

**Second Time Repair Eligibility – Neil Blackadder – Tab 17**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5619**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF MOA SEPTIC PROGRAM - SECOND TIME REPAIR ELIGIBILITY - NEIL BLACKADDER**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the Septic System Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Contracts with New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) shall act as program manager for the Septic Program and implement the Septic Program consistent with the terms of said contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2:01:05 of the CWC Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program Rules (MOA Septic Program) Article 2A, CWC Board of Directors in consultation with the Executive Director may find a property eligible for funding of a septic or component thereof previously paid for by the CWC MOA Septic Program if ten (10) years has elapsed from date of construction completion and absent misuse by the Property owner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant, Neil Blackadder, requested eligibility under the MOA Septic Program for a second time repair funding for their septic system; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff have confirmed that the Applicant’s septic system is currently failing or reasonably likely to fail in the near future, that more than ten years has elapsed from date of construction approval, and that the Applicant has not misused the septic system following the prior construction approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Septic Committee has reviewed the documentation and recommends the CWC Board approve the Applicant’s eligibility for a second time repair funding from MOA Septic Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors in consultation with the CWC Executive Director approves Applicant’s request for eligibility for second time repair funding from the MOA Septic Program.

**Neil Blackadder Backup**

Mr. Blackadder’s property is in the Town of Hurley. This project was paid for in 2012 under our Priority 1B Program. We found the d-box to be clogged with sewage and roots. The d-box has since been replaced and the leach field is functioning. We recommended to the homeowner that an effluent filter should be added to the outlet of the septic tank to prevent the solids carrying over to the d-box. The homeowner recently purchased the property and had a maintenance pump out done in 2024 but is unaware if the previous homeowner had any pump outs.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 18, Resolution No. 5620, was made by John Kosier and seconded by Allen Hinkley.

**Future Stormwater – Delaware County DPW - Bloomville – Tab 18**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5620**

**BOARD REVIEW OF FUTURE STORMWATER PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR DELAWARE COUNTY DPW - BLOOMVILLE STORMWATER CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“Watershed MOA”) paragraph 128 (“Future Stormwater Program”) directs the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) to establish a program to pay for the reasonable and proper cost to design, implement, permit, construct and maintain new stormwater measures pursuant to stormwater pollution prevention plans required by the 18-39(b)(3) and 18-39(e) of the watershed regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 145(ii) of the Watershed MOA and the West of Hudson Future Stormwater Program Rules provides for payment of eligible project costs required solely by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“NYCDEP”) and not otherwise required by State or federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County Department of Public Works (DCDPW) has applied for funding of eligible project costs in the amount of Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (**\$437,533.58**) for design and construction of new stormwater controls related to the construction of the new highway patrol facility in the Hamlet of Bloomville; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC share of stormwater funding is 50% of the eligible costs for this project because DCDPW is not a small business under Watershed MOA Paragraph 145; and

**WHEREAS**, the Future Stormwater Program Rules require that the CWC Board of Directors shall review and approve each application, with attached documentation and staff recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff recommended reimbursement of eligible stormwater costs for a total not-to-exceed amount of Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (**\$437,533.58**); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC Wastewater/Stormwater Committee recommended that the application be approved by the CWC Board of Directors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors has reviewed the attached application, staff recommendation and supporting documentation and approves payment of Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (**\$437,533.58**).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, approval of funding by the CWC Board of Directors constitutes a preliminary decision under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the decision will become final without any further action by the CWC Board of Directors unless an objection is timely filed with the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council.

**Delaware County DPW Highway Patrol Facility – Bloomville**

**Program:** Future Stormwater

**Address:** 51702 State Highway 10, Town of Kortright, NY

**Engineer:** Delaware Engineering

**Contractor:** Americo Di Camillo, Andrew R Mancini Associates, Inc.

**Tax ID #:** 106.-2-25.21

**Project Description:**

On April 29, 2021 NYC DEP approved the SWPPP for Delaware County DPW Highway Patrol Facility located in the Town of Kortright. The project required NYC DEP review and approval of a SWPPP to meet Watershed Regulations. In addition, a SWPPP was required for coverage under the NYS DEC “General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities” (GP-0-20-001).

The project included widening of the access road and construction of the highway patrol garage building and attendant parking/ drive areas. Stormwater controls at the site include erosion and sediment controls, catch basins, pre-treatment plunge pools, dry detention basin, and two large bio-retention basin.

Delaware County DPW submitted an application on December 19, 2024. Engineering and construction costs totaled Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Sixty-Seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents (**\$875,067.17**). The applicant has elected for 50% reimbursement of all NYCDEP and NYSDEC stormwater costs or Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (**\$437,533.58**).

<b>COST BREAKOUT</b>	
Design:	\$34,356.39
Construction:	\$840,710.78
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$875,067.17</b>
15% Contingency:	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$875,067.17</b>
<b>50% Election</b>	<b>\$437,533.58</b>
<b>PROGRAM ALLOCATION</b>	
FSW Funding	<b>\$437,533.58</b>
MOA-145 Funding	<b>\$0</b>

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (**\$437,533.58**) to Delaware County DPW for 50% of the costs associated with designing and implementing a SWPPP required by the Watershed Regulations and the DEC General Permit.

**Recommended Future Stormwater Funding not-to-exceed: \$437,533.58**

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 19, Resolution No. 5621, was made by Joe Cetta and seconded by Innes Kasanof.

**Future Stormwater – Delaware County DPW - Walton – Tab 19**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5621**

**BOARD REVIEW OF FUTURE STORMWATER PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR DELAWARE COUNTY DPW - WALTON STORMWATER CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“Watershed MOA”) paragraph 128 (“Future Stormwater Program”) directs the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) to establish a program to pay for the reasonable and proper cost to design, implement, permit, construct and maintain new stormwater measures pursuant to stormwater pollution prevention plans required by the 18-39(b)(3) and 18-39(e) of the watershed regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 145(ii) of the Watershed MOA and the West of Hudson Future Stormwater Program Rules provides for payment of eligible project costs required solely by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“NYCDEP”) and not otherwise required by State or federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County Department of Public Works (DCDPW) has applied for funding of eligible project costs in the amount of Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (**\$313,360.91**) for design and construction of new stormwater controls related to the construction of the new heavy mechanic facility in the Village of Walton; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC share of stormwater funding is 50% of the eligible costs for this project because DCDPW is not a small business under Watershed MOA Paragraph 145; and

**WHEREAS**, the Future Stormwater Program Rules require that the CWC Board of Directors shall review and approve each application, with attached documentation and staff recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff recommended reimbursement of eligible stormwater costs for a total not-to-exceed amount of Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (**\$313,360.91**); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC Wastewater/Stormwater Committee recommended that the application be approved by the CWC Board of Directors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors has reviewed the attached application, staff recommendation and supporting documentation and approves payment of Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (**\$313,360.91**).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, approval of funding by the CWC Board of Directors constitutes a preliminary decision under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the decision will become final without any further action by the CWC Board of Directors unless an objection is timely filed with the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council.

**Delaware County DPW Heavy Mechanic Facility- Walton**

**Program:** Future Stormwater

**Address:** 64 Neale Road, Walton, NY

**Engineer:** Delaware Engineering

**Contractor:** Americo Di Camillo, Andrew R Mancini Associates, Inc.

**Tax ID #:** 275.-2-25

**Project Description:**

On April 29, 2021 NYC DEP approved the SWPPP for Delaware County DPW Heavy Mechanic Facility located in the Town of Walton. The project required NYC DEP review and approval of a SWPPP to meet Watershed Regulations. In addition, a SWPPP was required for coverage under the NYS DEC “General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities” (GP-0-20-001).

The project included the construction of a Heavy Mechanic Facility and attendant parking/ drive areas. Stormwater controls at the site include erosion and sediment controls, catch basins, pre-treatment plunge pool, dry detention basin, and a bio-retention basin.

Delaware County DPW submitted an application on December 19, 2024. Engineering and construction costs totaled Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (**\$626,721.82**). The applicant has elected for 50% reimbursement of all NYCDEP and NYSDEC stormwater costs or Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (**\$313,360.91**).

| <b>COST BREAKOUT</b>      |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Design:                   | \$27,019.71         |
| Construction:             | \$599,705.11        |
| <b>Total:</b>             | <b>\$626,721.82</b> |
| 15% Contingency:          | \$0                 |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>             | <b>\$626,721.82</b> |
| <b>50% Election</b>       | <b>\$313,360.91</b> |
| <b>PROGRAM ALLOCATION</b> |                     |
| FSW Funding               | <b>\$313,360.91</b> |
| MOA-145 Funding           | <b>\$0</b>          |

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (**\$313,360.91**) to Delaware County DPW for 50% of the costs associated with designing and implementing a SWPPP required by the Watershed Regulations and the DEC General Permit.

**Recommended Future Stormwater Funding not-to-exceed: \$313,360.91**

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 20, Resolution No. 5622, was made by Innes Kasanof and seconded by Thomas Hoyt.

**Future Stormwater – Pamela Graf – Onteora Club – Tab 20**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5622**

**BOARD REVIEW OF FUTURE STORMWATER PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR PAMELA GRAF STORMWATER CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“Watershed MOA”) paragraph 128 (“Future Stormwater Program”) directs the Catskill Watershed Corporation (“CWC”) to establish a program to pay for the reasonable and proper cost to design, implement, permit, construct and

maintain new stormwater measures pursuant to stormwater pollution prevention plans required by the 18-39(b)(3) and 18-39(e) of the watershed regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 145(ii) of the Watershed MOA and the West of Hudson Future Stormwater Program Rules provides for payment of eligible project costs required solely by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“NYCDEP”) and not otherwise required by State or federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, Pamela Graf has applied for funding of eligible project costs in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (**\$14,742.31**) for design and construction of new stormwater controls related to a new residence in Tannersville, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC share of stormwater funding is 50% of the eligible costs for this project because Pamela Graf is not a small business under Watershed MOA Paragraph 145; and

**WHEREAS**, the Future Stormwater Program Rules require that the CWC Board of Directors shall review and approve each application, with attached documentation and staff recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC staff recommended reimbursement of eligible stormwater costs for a total not-to-exceed amount of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (**\$14,742.31**); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC Wastewater/Stormwater Committee recommended that the application be approved by the CWC Board of Directors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors has reviewed the attached application, staff recommendation and supporting documentation and approves payment of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (**\$14,742.31**).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, approval of funding by the CWC Board of Directors constitutes a preliminary decision under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the decision will become final without any further action by the CWC Board of Directors unless an objection is timely filed with the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council.

**Pamela Graf – Onteora Club**

**Program:** Future Stormwater

**Address:** 38 Mattice Farm Rd, Tannersville, NY

**Engineer:** David Rider, PE

**Contractor:** Gardens by Trista

**Tax ID #:** 166.00-2-36

**Project Description:**

On October 17, 2023 DEP approved the SWPPP for Pamela Graf Residence in the Town of Hunter. The project consisted of constructing a single-family residential home. The project is part of a larger common plan of development resulting in greater than 5-acres of land disturbance requiring NYC DEP review and approval of a SWPPP to meet Watershed Regulations. In addition, a SWPPP was required for coverage under the NYS DEC “General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities” (GP-0-20-001).

Stormwater controls at the site include erosion and sediment controls, drainage swales, gutter extension piping, multiple stormwater planters and multiple rain gardens.

Pamela Graf submitted an application on November 7, 2024. Engineering and construction costs totaled Twenty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (**\$29,484.61**). The applicant has elected for 50% reimbursement of all NYCDEP and NYSDEC stormwater costs or Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (**\$14,742.31**).

<b>COST BREAKOUT</b>	
Design:	\$5,589.61
Construction:	\$23,895.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$29,484.61</b>
<b>50% Election</b>	<b>\$14,742.31</b>
<b>PROGRAM ALLOCATION</b>	
FSW Funding	\$14,742.31
MOA-145 Funding	\$0

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (**\$14,742.31**) to Pamela Graf for 50% of the costs associated with designing and implementing a SWPPP required by the Watershed Regulations and the DEC General Permit.

**Recommended Future Stormwater Funding not-to-exceed: \$14,742.31**

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 21, Resolution No. 5623, was made by Arthur Merrill and seconded by Thomas Hoyt.

**FHMIP – NYSDHES Grant Approval – Daniel Crandall, P.E. – Tab 21**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5623**

**CWC BOARD APPROVAL OF EXECUTION OF NYSDHES GRANT**  
**DANIEL CRANDALL, PE**

**WHEREAS**, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is a not-for-profit corporation established to administer Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs in the West of Hudson Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC, City of New York (City), all municipalities in the West of Hudson Watershed, New York State, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and several environmental organizations recognized that the goals of drinking water protection and economic vitality within the West of Hudson Watershed communities are not inconsistent and under the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“Watershed MOA”) agreed to cooperate in the development and implementation of watershed protection programs that maintain and enhance the quality of the City’s drinking water supply system and the economic and social character of the West of Hudson Watershed communities; and

**WHEREAS**, extensive flooding resulting from Tropical Storms Irene and Lee, in August and September 2011, respectively, caused catastrophic losses in certain towns and villages within the West of Hudson Watershed which affected the economic and social character of certain West of Hudson watershed communities and adversely impacted water quality in the West of Hudson Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the 2014 Mid-Term Filtration Avoidance Determination Review, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) has agreed to fund a Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program to reduce repetitive flood losses that also pose a threat to water quality during storm events through funding certain recommendations of local flood analyses under the NYCDEP Stream Management Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2014, by Resolution Number 2439, the CWC Board of Directors agreed to serve as program manager of such a program to be referred to as the CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (the “Program” or “FHMIP”) and approved a Program Agreement with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 3572, the CWC Board of Directors approved an application by 5355 Main Street, LLC in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to study the feasibility of flood protection measures for property owned by the applicant located at 5355 Main Street in Windham, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolutions 4320 and 4577, the CWC Board of Directors approved a FHMIP application by 5355 Main Street, LLC for design of elevation of the building at 5355 Main Street in Windham, New York and such design was completed by Daniel Crandall, P.E.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CWC Program Rules, CWC can fund 75% of eligible costs of construction of property protection measures; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC applied to New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding of the aforementioned property protection measures projects under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (the HMGP Grant); and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated September 20, 2024, CWC was awarded the HMGP grant in the amount of Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$962,330.85) to cover up to 90% of eligible costs of such projects; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the grant, projects must be publicly bid, property owners must maintain flood insurance, and a deed restriction requiring owners to maintain flood insurance must be filed on each property; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 5502, the CWC Board approved an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$962,330.85) for funding of the HMGP projects described above and in such agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to bid the 5355 Main Street LLC for elevation, the assistance of the engineer who completed the plans is required to prepare a bid set, answer bidder questions, on-site visits and prepare potential revisions during construction; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC Wastewater Committee recommends CWC enter an agreement with Daniel Crandall, PE in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for engineering services associated with 5355 Main Street in Windham, New York.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the CWC Board of Directors authorizes the President and/or Executive Director to execute the Agreement with Daniel Crandall, PE in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for engineering services associated with 5355 Main Street, LLCC in Windham, New York.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 22, Resolution No. 5624, was made by Richard Parete and seconded by Christopher Mathews.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5624**

**CWC REVIEW OF FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**TOWN OF DENNING – PEEKAMOOSE ROAD STABILIZATION DESIGN**

**WHEREAS**, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is a not-for-profit corporation established to administer Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs in the West of Hudson Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC, City of New York (City), all municipalities in the West of Hudson Watershed, New York State, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and several environmental organizations recognized that the goals of drinking water protection and economic vitality within the West of Hudson Watershed communities are not inconsistent and under the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“Watershed MOA”) agreed to cooperate in the development and implementation of watershed protection programs that maintain and enhance the quality of the City’s drinking water supply system and the economic and social character of the West of Hudson Watershed communities; and

**WHEREAS**, extensive flooding resulting from Tropical Storms Irene and Lee, in August and September 2011, respectively, caused catastrophic losses in certain towns and villages within the West of Hudson Watershed which affected the economic and social character of certain West of Hudson watershed communities and adversely impacted water quality in the West of Hudson Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the 2014 Mid-Term Filtration Avoidance Determination Review, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) has agreed to fund a Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program to reduce repetitive flood losses that also pose a threat to water quality during storm events through funding certain recommendations of local flood analyses under the NYCDEP Stream Management Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2014, by Resolution Number 2439, the CWC Board of Directors agreed to serve as program manager of such a program to be referred to as the CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (the “Program”) and approved a Program Agreement with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, as provided in the CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program Rules (Program Rules), as adopted by the CWC Board of Directors, CWC staff must evaluate grant applications and issue funding recommendations to the CWC Wastewater/Stormwater Committee, which shall issue recommendations to the CWC Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Denning completed a local flood analysis for the hamlet of Sundown, that recommended in part restoration of the Rondout streambank to reduce future flood damage, improve water quality and also maintain Peekamoose Road’s accessibility during future flood events; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 3356 and 3730, the CWC Board of Directors approved up to One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$156,575.00) to the Town of Denning FHMIP application for an amount not to exceed for design of the Roundout streambank restoration project but a project was not feasible under current conditions and ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 4724, the CWC Board of Directors approved an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to the Town of Denning for feasibility study limited to Peekamoose Road stabilization and utility pole preservation/protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the feasibility study is complete, the local flood analysis for the hamlet of Sundown has been amended, and the Town of Denning applied to CWC for design funding in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for the Peekamoose Road stabilization; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the information and staff recommendation, the CWC Wastewater/Stormwater Committee recommends that the CWC Board of Directors approves an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to the Town of Denning for design of the Peekamoose Road stabilization project .

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors has reviewed the application, staff recommendation and supporting documentation and approves funding to the Town of Denning for design of the Peekamoose Road stabilization in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

**Backup: Town of Denning – Peekamoose Road**

**Property Owner:** Town of Denning

**Contact Person:** Supervisor David Brooks

**Address:** PO Box 277, Claryville, NY 12740

**LFA Recommendation:** Yes – Through a follow up Feasibility Study from SLR since the first project was rejected.

**Project Category:** Public Infrastructure – Stream Related Work

**Project Description:** The Town of Denning is applying for design funding in the amount of \$80,000.00 for following the guidelines set forth from the SLR feasibility study report to stabilize the Peekamoose Road and streambank, and for the relocation of public utility poles that are in danger of flood damages. This study was conducted after the original design of the Rondout Creek relocation was denied and it was decided that it would not be a beneficial project of the adjacent property owners for the cost of the project. Therefore, it was decided that this project should be looked at to stabilize the Peekamoose Road and Streambank since this is one of the only ways in and out of Sundown.

CWC Wastewater Committee recommends CWC Board approve funding for the design of this project.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 23, Resolution No. 5625, was made by Joe Cetta and seconded by Innes Kasanof.

**FHMIP – Walton Central School District – Feasibility Study – Tab 23**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5625**

**CWC REVIEW OF FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM APPLICATION  
WALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is a not-for-profit corporation established to administer Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs in the West of Hudson Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC, City of New York (City), all municipalities in the West of Hudson Watershed, New York State, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and several environmental organizations recognized that the goals of drinking water protection and economic vitality within the West of Hudson Watershed communities are not inconsistent and under the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“Watershed MOA”) agreed to cooperate in the development and implementation of watershed protection

programs that maintain and enhance the quality of the City’s drinking water supply system and the economic and social character of the West of Hudson Watershed communities; and

**WHEREAS**, extensive flooding resulting from Tropical Storms Irene and Lee, in August and September 2011, respectively, caused catastrophic losses in certain towns and villages within the West of Hudson Watershed which affected the economic and social character of certain West of Hudson watershed communities and adversely impacted water quality in the West of Hudson Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the 2014 Mid-Term Filtration Avoidance Determination Review, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) has agreed to fund a Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program to reduce repetitive flood losses that also pose a threat to water quality during storm events through funding certain recommendations of local flood analyses under the NYCDEP Stream Management Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2014, by Resolution Number 2439, the CWC Board of Directors agreed to serve as program manager of such a program to be referred to as the CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (the “Program” or “FHMIP”) and approved a Program Agreement with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Walton on accepted a local flood analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River, and such analysis recommended relocation of the school bus maintenance facility; and

**WHEREAS**, CWC FHMIP Program Rules, adopted by the CWC Board, provide that eligible projects include relocations of critical community facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Walton Central School District submitted an application to CWC for feasibility study funding of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC Wastewater Committee recommended that the CWC Board of Directors approve an application by Walton Central School District for relocation of the school bus maintenance facility for up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors has reviewed the application, staff recommendation and supporting documentation and approves the application by Walton Central School District for relocation of the school bus maintenance facility for up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

**Backup: Walton Central School District – Feasibility Study**

**Property Owner:** Walton Central School District

**Contact Person:** Dr. Michael MacDonald

**Address:** 42-46 North Street, Walton, NY 13856

**LFA Recommendation:** Yes

**Project Category:** Relocation Assistance

**Phase:** Feasibility Study

**Project Description:**

The Walton Central School District is applying for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to complete a Feasibility Study to determine relocation of their Bus Garage in the Village of Walton which is currently located at 214 Delaware Street in the Village of Walton. The Bus Garage is currently within the FEMA regulatory floodway of the West Brook and West Branch of the Delaware River, and has suffered repetitive losses in past flood events. In the 2006 flood, the Bus Garage received nearly \$200,000.00 in damages along with \$40,000.00 in lost equipment.

In 2021 Delaware Engineering completed a Feasibility Study for completing flood proofing measures to this building which would recommend a combination of wet and dry flood proofing measures. In 2022, NYS Legislature passed a bill which was in turn signed by Governor Hochul that the State established a deadline

for the transition of school buses to zero emission buses. Walton Central School District completed their own study to determine if the existing bus garage would be adequate for an electric bus. In order to fit these needs, the existing bus garage would need to be renovated and this would be a substantial improvement to a critical infrastructure.

The Village of Walton's Flood Law states that any substantial improvement that exceeds 50% of the market value must meet the NYS Floodplain Laws. With that being said the most logical solution would be to have the Bus Garage relocated to another parcel of land outside of the FEMA Regulated Flood Hazard area. The relocation of the Bus Garage will also help with future plans for the replacement of the Delaware Avenue NYSDOT Bridge.

The relocation of the Bus Garage is recommended in the Walton Local Flood Analysis. In the backup. There are letters from the Village of Walton and the Town of Walton supporting the relocation of the Bus Garage.

CWC Wastewater Committee recommends CWC Board approve the application for relocating the Walton Central School Bus Garage from the regulated floodway.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 24, Resolution No. 5626, was made by Innes Kasanof and seconded by Arthur Merrill.

**2025 CWC Employee Handbook – Tab 24**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5626**  
**CWC EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

**WHEREAS**, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) adopted a Personnel Policy for the orderly conduct of the corporation and its business affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWC Policy Committee has reviewed and recommends adoption of the CWC Employee Handbook to replace the CWC Personnel Policy to provide for the orderly conduct of the corporation and its business affairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors adopts the attached Employee Handbook to replace the Personnel Policies, and that the Employee Handbook shall be further amended from time to time based upon experience and information and as CWC deems necessary.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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A motion to approve Tab 25, Resolution No. 5627, was made by Richard Parete and seconded by Christopher Mathews.

**Operating Fiscal Year Budget – Tab 25**

March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5627**  
**CWC 2025 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING FUNDS AGREEMENT BUDGET APPROVAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is a not for profit local development corporation located in Arkville, in the Town of Middletown, Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, as set forth in the Watershed MOA, agreed to fund a number of watershed protection programs in the West of Hudson Watershed to be administered by CWC; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Watershed MOA, CWC agreed to serve as program manager and to identify projects and allocate and disburse program funds to each project in accordance with agreements entered into with each identified recipient of the funds, and the City provided funds for CWC’s related operational costs (Operating I Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 2007 and 2017 Filtration Avoidance Determinations and as a requirement of 2010 Water Supply Permit issued by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, CWC and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) have entered into subsequent Operating Agreements (Operating Agreements II, III, and IV) whereby the City has provided funding for CWC’s operational expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 3755, CWC Board of Directors approved an agreement (Operating Funds V) with New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) for funding of the operation of CWC activities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Operating V Agreement, CWC is required to annually submit budget to NYCDEP approved by CWC Board of Directors for expenses to be paid with funds from the Operating V Agreement, including building expenses and stormwater technical assistance position; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 5495 CWC Board of Directors approved a 2025 Operating Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, NYCDEP requested a separate CWC Board approved budget for the Operating Funds V Contract; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the CWC Board of Directors approves the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating V budget attached hereto.

*Voice Vote, carried unanimously.*

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**VI. Announcements from the Chair** – Next meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

**VII. Adjourned at 11:08 AM**