

Minutes
CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION
Wastewater/Stormwater Committee Tuesday, February 3, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Attendees: Tina Mole (Director), James Sofranko (Director), Joseph Cetta (Director), John Kosier (Director), Jeff Senterman (Director), Allen Hinkley (Director), Shilo Williams (DEP).

Excused: Tom Snow and Christopher Mathews.

Others: John Mathiesen (CWC), Jason Merwin (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), Racheal Burger (CWC), Lindsay Ballard (CWC), Donald Brown (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Eric Lane (CWC), Jessica Fiedler (CWC), Lynn Kavanagh (CWC), Gemma Young (CWC), Barb Puglisi (CWC), Samantha Costa (CWC), David Lane (CWC), Kyle Faraci (CWC), Zach Baldwin-Way (CWC), Arthur Merrill (Director), Innes Kasanof (Director), Rich Parete (Director), Alicia Terry (Director), George Haynes (Director), Excused: Tom Hoyt. John Schwartz (DEP), Matt Gianetta (DEP), Nick Sadler (DEP), Aaron Bennett (DEP), Michael Maloney (NYSDOH), Pat Palmer (NYSDOH), Karen Stainbrook (NYSDEC), Joan Lawrence-Bauer (Walton Reporter). Via Zoom; Dymitry Ostapyshyn (DEP), Tom Stalter (DEP), Nick Carbone (Watershed affairs Coordinator), Morgan Tarbell (NYSDOH), Pauline Wanjugi (NYSDOH), Pat Palmer (NYSDOH), Mike Meyer (NYCDEP), John Wimbush (NYSDOH), Heidi Emrich (Ulster County Environmental Planner).

The meeting was called to order by Jim Sofranko at 9:02 AM.

- I. Review minutes from January 6, 2026, meeting. Minutes approved as written by a motion from Joseph Cetta and the motion was seconded by Jeff Senterman Motion carried.

1. Community Wastewater Management Program

General Project Updates:

CWMP III

Halcottsville- All pay vouchers have been submitted.

Inspections to be completed in the spring and fall of 2026. Maintenance Bond is good through 2026.

Shokan- On August 10, 2020, the NYCDEP approved the Block Grant for the Shokan project for a total not to exceed \$48,715,000.00. This will provide funding of a wastewater project for the Hamlet of Shokan and making modifications to the existing Boiceville WWTP.

It has been determined that the costs for this project will be closer to \$75 million. The remaining funds that are needed for the project are being put into place by the City and the balance of funds needed will come out of CWC's CFF Program with that amount being used to be reimbursed to CFF once completed.

There is approximately a total of 525 lateral connections being projected for the hamlet of Shokan.

The current estimated flow for Shokan is 166,000 gpd.

There will be a total of 8 contracts, the last contract will be for approximately 41 water meters to be installed.

There will be 35 grinder pump stations proposed for the district and 8 collection system pump stations.

Lamont has received the final NYSDEC approvals.

Still waiting for comments back from NYSDOT regarding driveway access permit for pump station 1.

DEP was given final design plans with the DEP approval stamp incorporated on 11/24/25. Still waiting for the Land Use Permit approvals.

As of 11/24/25 there are 285 of the 479 lateral access agreements signed, which is 59%.

Bidding for the project was published on September 23, 2025. Pre-Bid conferences were held on October 9, 2025, with bid openings held on October 30, 2025, and November 6, 2025. There are 8 separate contracts. Total of all low bids for contracts 1-8 are being shown at \$74,428,196.00.

December 4, 2025-NYCDEP sets the block grant for the Shokan project at \$90,000.000.00 which will include design and construction phase engineering costs.

December 8, 2025-Lamont Engineers and CWC staff provided a presentation to the Olive town Board recommending awarding the bids to the lowest apparent bidders.

December 9, 2025-Olive Town Board voted unanimously to award the bids to the low bidder's contingent on completion of the DEP contracting.

The Town of Olive will be completed and signed the Notices to Proceed at their January 13, 2026, meeting.

CWC is reviewing draft change orders received from the DEP, increasing Shokan Program Agreement and allowing transfer from the Cluster Septic Program.

DEP is still reviewing the contract documents for all contractors. Lamont cannot issue the Notice to Proceed until the DEP has completed this review. Contractors have notified Lamont that they are ready to proceed with the work.

When the final review is completed by the DEP a Zoom kick-off meeting with Lamont, all contractors, CWC and DEP will be held.

2. Future Stormwater Program

No New Application

3. Stormwater Retrofit Program

No New Application

4. Local Flood Hazard Mitigation

Property Owner: Village of Hobart
Contact Person: Aaron Kaufman
Address: P.O. Box 53, Hobart, NY 13788
LFA Recommendation: Yes
Property Category: Multiple
Phase: Design
Project Description:

The Village of Hobart is requesting funding in the amount of \$11,750.00 to complete a design for relocating village owned utilities that will be required due to upscaling an undersized 5ft culvert under Maple Ave. to a three-sided box culvert. This project is a recommendation in the Stamford Local Flood Analysis.

The culvert replacement has been designed by Delaware Engineering with funding from Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District (DCSWCD). The design did not include the relocation of utilities for the new 10'x7' box culvert which is expected to handle the 100 year flood and remove four residences from the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area.

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,750.00) to the Village of Hobart for design costs related to utility relocation needed in order to upsize the culvert under Maple Ave.

A motion was made by James Sofranko to approve the request for funding and forward the funding requests onto the CWC Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by John Kosier. Motion carried

Property Owner: Can't Change Me LLC (Lexington Hotel)
Contact Person: Samantha Weiss
Address: 17 CR-13A, Lexington, NY 12452
LFA Recommendation: Yes
Property Category: Other
Phase: Feasibility
Project Description:

Can't Change Me LLC is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assess the feasibility of relocating the Lexington Hotel. The hotel is currently located within the floodway of the Schoharie Creek and has been impacted by past flooding including during Hurricane Irene. The Town Board has revised the Towns' LFA to include relocation of the hotel as a recommendation.

This applicant intends to relocate the hotel across County Route 13A to an area partially located within the 500-year floodplain. Here, the owners would like to reopen the hotel, add a restaurant and convert the barn to an event space.

The CWC Board of Directors previously denied funding for a feasibility study to assess flood protection or potential relocation of the structure as this was not a recommendation of the Towns' LFA at the time.

CWC staff recommends reimbursement of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for Can't Change Me LLC to complete a feasibility assessment on the potential relocation of the Lexington Hotel.

DEP expressed concerns that the project must align with program intent to remain eligible for potential future funding, referencing the comments they submitted in response to the application. CWC noted that the study will

need to address these concerns and stated their intent to work with DEP to define clear deliverables to be incorporated into the feasibility study. CWC further noted that funding beyond the \$5,000.00 brought to the committee may be required from the property owner in order to meet these objectives.

A motion was made by John Kosier to approve request for funding and forward the funding requests onto the CWC Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Allen Hinkley. Motion carried

5. Other:

II. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026

III. Adjournment 9:29 AM