

Minutes
CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION
Wastewater/Stormwater Committee Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

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

Others: John Mathiesen (CWC), Jason Merwin (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), Racheal Burger (CWC), Eric Lane (CWC), Lindsay Ballard (CWC), Donald Brown (CWC), Jessica Fiedler (CWC), Lynn Kavanagh (CWC), Gemma Young (CWC), Zach Baldwin-Way (CWC), Brian Sullivan (CWC), Innes Kasanof (Director), Rich Parete (Director), Alicia Terry (Director), George Haynes (Director), Arthur Merrill (Director), John Schwartz (DEP), Matt Gianetta (DEP), Aaron Bennett (DEP), Michael Meyer (DEP), Gerson Tavarez (DEP), Nick Sadler (DEP), Pat Palmer (NYSDOH), Mike Maloney (NYSDOH), Karen Stainbrook (NYSDEC), Kristina Gutches (NYSDEC), Glen Faulkner (Town Of Middletown), Rich Gabriel (Town of Andes), Joan Lawrence-Bauer (Walton Reporter). Via Zoom; Nick Carbone (Watershed Affairs Coordinator), Pauline Wanjugi (NYSDOH), Tom Stalter (DEP).

The meeting was called to order by Jim Sofranko at 9:01 AM.

- I. Review minutes from April 7, 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 - 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.

Lamont has received the final NYSDEC approvals.

Lamont has received the work permit from NYSDOT regarding driveway access permit for pump station 1 and DOT has put a rush on the review of the permit and documents not realizing that this project had more than just one permit approval.

DEP was given final design plans with the DEP approval stamp incorporated on 11/24/25. DEP has provided the Land Use Permit and Carver staff have obtained their security clearances.

As of 05/04/2026, there are 371 of the 479 lateral access agreements signed, which is 77%.

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 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.

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

Layout and flagging of the force main/collection system line with GPS was started on 2/25/2026 by Carver Construction.

The tree cutting work for the Collection System started on 3/10/2026. Atlantic Testing conducted soil drilling on 3/12/2026.

Contract 1 Carver Construction and their sub-contractor, by Solar and Land Clearing continues to focus on tree clearing and the cleanup of all downed trees. All trees are down in areas 1 and 2 with area 3 underway. The contractor was able to get all trees down that had been identified for bat habitat prior to the March 31, 2026, deadline.

Contract 2 was given notice to proceed and has been sending submittals. Still waiting on an actual mobilization and start date.

Contract 3 Jersen Construction has mobilized on site on 4/8/2026 and started their site survey and stake out of the building site, clearing of small trees and installing fence posts, orange snow fencing for the job site perimeter and along the park access road. They have also installed storm water silt tubing along the access road to the park and the job site perimeter. The contractor is also in the process of moving junk from the property, building their access road to the site, landing pad for their site trailer and storage of equipment containers and dumpsters.

Contract 7a J Squared Construction has been providing submittals but has not yet given a start date. They have mentioned that they would like to get started in mid-May at the Boiceville WWTP.

2. Future Stormwater Program

KCK Bearsville Holding Co, LLC

Program: FSW/MOA-145

Address: 1003 Cold Brook Road, Boiceville, NY 12412

Engineer: A. Diachishin & Associates, P.C.

Contractor: 3rd Generation Builders

Tax Parcel ID: 36.1-2-2.1

Project Description:

On October 29, 2024, DEP approved the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for KCK Bearsville Holding Co., LLC located in Boiceville, NY. Review and approval of a SWPPP to meet Watershed Regulations was required by NYC DEP. 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 consists of the construction of a single-family residence and 1,400-foot-long driveway up steep slopes. The total site disturbance was 5.5-acres.

Stormwater controls on the site include erosion and sediment controls, vegetated swales, a large bioretention basin, and two large infiltration basins.

KCK Bearsville Holding Co., LLC submitted an application on April 1, 2026. Engineering and construction costs totaled Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$437,455.00). The applicant has elected for 50% reimbursement of all DEP and DEC stormwater costs for a total of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$218,727.50). The applicant is also considered a small business; therefore, funding will be divided between the Future Stormwater Program and the MOA 145 or One Hundred Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$109,363.75) from each program.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	\$12,455.00
Construction:	\$425,000.00
Total:	\$437,455.00
15% Contingency:	\$0
TOTAL:	\$437,455.00
50% Election	\$218,727.50
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	\$109,363.75
MOA-145 Funding	\$109,363.75

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to One Hundred Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$109,363.75) from both the Future Stormwater Program and the MOA-145 Program to KCK Bearsville Holding Co., LLC for the design and construction costs of implementing a SWPPP required by NYC DEP Watershed Regulations and NYS DEC General Permit.

Recommended Future Stormwater Funding Request not to exceed \$109,363.75

Recommended MOA-145 Funding Request not to exceed \$109,363.75

A motion was made by Tina Mole to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's June meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Senterman. Motion carried

Pine Hill Terrace LLC

Program: FSW/MOA-145

Address: Phoebe Lane, Delhi NY

Engineer: Headwaters Engineering

Contractor: Clark Companies

Project Description:

On March 31, 2026, NYC DEP approved a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Pine Hill Terrace LLC for a Building Apartment Complex on Phoebe Lane in Delhi, NY. The project required a NYC DEP Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) approval to meet Watershed Regulations. In addition, a SWPPP is required for coverage under the NYS DEC General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities.

The proposed project will consist of three two-story apartment buildings, an asphalt driveway and gravel parking areas. The project is anticipated to disturb 3.8 acres.

Stormwater controls on the site include erosion and sediment controls, filter strips, storm sewers, and two large bioretention basins.

Pine Hill Terrace LLC submitted an application on April 1, 2026, representing design costs and estimated SWPPP inspections totaling Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500.00). Construction costs will be submitted as an additional application. The applicant has elected 50% reimbursement of the eligible amount and is considered a small business; therefore, costs will be split between the Future Stormwater Program and the MOA-145 Program, or Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$4,625.00) from each program.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	\$18,500.00
Construction:	\$0
Total:	\$18,500.00
15% Contingency:	\$0
TOTAL:	\$18,500.00
50% Election	\$9,250.00
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	\$4,625.00
MOA-145 Funding	\$4,625.00

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$4,625.00) from both Stormwater Programs to Pine Hill Terrace LLC for the design of a SWPPP required by NYC Watershed Regulations and NYS General Permit.

Recommended Future Stormwater Funding Request not to exceed \$4,625.00

Recommended MOA-145 Funding Request not to exceed \$4,625.00

A motion was made by John Kosier to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's June meeting. The motion was seconded by Tina Mole. Motion carried

EMILY REID: O&M

Program: Future Stormwater

Address: Lot 6: 625 Clum Hill Road, Hunter, NY

Engineer: Kaaterskill Associates

Contractor: Kevin Thompson & Son Excavating

Tax ID #: 182.00-3-36

Project Description:

On June 12, 2025, DEP issued a construction acceptance letter for Emily Reid's Residence located on Clum Hill Road, in the Town of Hunter. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) was required to meet the 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 consisted of constructing a single-family residential home. Stormwater controls installed included two stormwater planters and a rain garden. The operation and maintenance include routine inspections, mowing, weeding, mulch replacement, vegetation pruning, and vegetation replacement when needed.

On April 15, 2026, Emily Reid applied to the CWC Future Stormwater program for O&M costs of implementing a SWPPP. Anticipated O&M costs are estimated at One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year. CWC extends O&M contracts over 5 years, therefore increasing the O&M amount to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The applicant had previously elected for 50% of stormwater costs, or Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

COST BREAKOUT	
Yearly:	\$1,000.00
5 Year Contract:	\$5,000.00
50% Election	\$2,500.00
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	\$2,500.00
MOA-145 Funding	\$0

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to Emily Reid for 50% of the costs associated with implementing a SWPPP required by the Watershed Regulations and the DEC General Permit.

Recommended Future Stormwater Funding not-to-exceed: \$2,500.00

A motion was made by Jim Sofranko to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's June meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Senterman. Motion carried

3. Stormwater Retrofit Program

No new applications

4. Local Flood Hazard Mitigation

Property Owner: Town of Shandaken
Contact Person: Town Supervisor Babs Mansfield
Address: 7209 Route 28, Shandaken, NY 12480
LFA Recommendation: Yes
Property Category: Critical Community Facility
Phase: Property Purchase
Project Description:

The Town of Shandaken has submitted an application requesting \$261,400.00 in funding to support the acquisition of property for the relocation of its Town Hall complex, which includes the Town Hall, Highway Garage, dog pound, and recycling center. The existing complex is located within FEMA's Special Flood Hazard Area, and its relocation is identified in the Shandaken Local Flood Analysis (LFA).

The Town commissioned an updated feasibility study to evaluate several potential sites within Shandaken. One of the sites identified through this study—an approximately 20-acre parcel located along Route 28 in Big Indian, just east of Golf Course Road—is currently under contract for purchase by the Town. In addition, Ulster County has expressed its intent to relocate its Shandaken highway garage substation, which is presently situated within the 500-year floodplain, to this same parcel.

CWC Staff recommends funding in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$261,400.00) to the Town of Shandaken to support the property acquisition and associated soft costs necessary to facilitate the relocation of the Town Hall complex.

A motion was made by Jim Sofranko to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's June meeting. The motion was seconded by Joseph Cetta. Motion carried

Property Owner: Town of Denning
Contact Person: Town Supervisor Dave Brooks
Address: P.O. Box 277, Claryville, NY 12740
LFA Recommendation: Yes
Property Category: Public Infrastructure
Phase: Design
Project Description:

The Town of Denning has requested additional funding in the amount of \$63,160.00 for design cost associated with the stabilizing the Rondout Creek streambank along the Peekamoose Road.

The Town previously submitted an application and was approved by the CWC Board for \$80,000.00 in design funding, representing 10% of the estimated construction cost based on a preliminary estimate provided by Chazen. Since that time, the Town has retained SLR to complete the design. SLR has submitted an updated proposal estimating total design costs at \$143,160.00. This increase reflects the limited usability of prior work completed by Chazen, which is now considered too outdated to incorporate into the current design effort.

Current program rules limit design funds at 10% of estimated construction funds, however CWC staff recommends additional funding of up to Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$63,160.00) for the Town of Denning to complete design for their streambank stabilization project along Peekamoose Road.

A motion was made by Chris Matthews to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's June meeting. The motion was seconded by Shilo Williams. Motion carried

Property Owner: Village of Hunter
Contact Person: Michelle Yost
Address: 17 Bridge Street, Hunter, NY 12442
LFA Recommendation: Yes
Property Category: Critical Community Facility/Other
Phase: Construction
Project Description:

The Village of Hunter has submitted an application for construction costs associated with relocating the Hunter Fire Department to a new property located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area. Relocation of this critical community facility is a recommendation in the Hunter LFA and is integral to facilitating the upsizing of the Bridge Street Bridge, which currently acts as a hydraulic constriction during 10-year flood events and greater.

The Village has secured a \$1.97 million New York State Climate Smart Communities grant through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process. This award requires a 50% local match, resulting in a total Village share of \$2,619,115.

The CWC Board has previously approved up to \$550,000.00 in funding for construction and wastewater-related costs. Based on current project estimates, the remaining funding shortfall for the Village is \$1,209,265.

CWC staff recommends approval of additional funding for 50% of the remaining eligible construction costs, in an amount not to exceed \$604,632.50, contingent upon joint determination of eligibility by DEP.

DEP expressed their support for the project.

A motion was made by Jeff Senterman to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's June meeting. The motion was seconded by John Kosier. Motion carried

Property Owner: Shandaken Theatrical Society Inc.
Contact Person: Michael Connor
Address: 10 Church Street, Phoenicia, NY 12464
LFA Recommendation: Yes
Property Category: Infrastructure
Phase: Feasibility
Project Description:

Shandaken Theatrical Society, Inc. has submitted an application requesting \$6,500.00 in feasibility study funding to evaluate potential property protection measures for the Phoenicia Playhouse. The property is located within the 100-year floodplain, and the Town's Local Flood Analysis (LFA) recommends that properties in this area pursue site-specific mitigation strategies.

CWC staff recommends funding in the amount of \$6,500.00 to the Shandaken Theatrical Society to complete a feasibility study assessing property protection measures.

A motion was made by Jim Sofranko to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's June meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Matthews. Motion carried

5. Other:

- II. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2026
- III. Adjournment 9:31 AM