

Coalition of Watershed Towns

February 20, 2012

6 PM - CWT Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Pete Bracci, Carl Stuendel, and Bruce Dolph (Delaware County); Dennis Lucas and Stephen Walker (Greene County); Bruce LaMonda (Ulster County). Jeff Baker – Counsel.

1. **January meeting minutes** – motion to accept January minutes made by Carl Steundel, seconded by Pete Bracci, with all present in favor.
  2. **Privilege of the Floor:** Privilege of the floor was granted to Dean Frazier. He explained a proposed resolution the Delaware County Board of Supervisors will be considering on Wednesday, February 22. The resolution proposes that the State and City of New York pay reparations to landowners in Delaware County should their positions regarding setbacks from City infrastructure and watershed boundaries are confirmed in the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement pertaining to Natural Gas Drilling. Including the watershed area plus the proposed setbacks would render 80% of the land base in Delaware County as prohibited from drilling. The county considers this discriminatory and although not a legal taking a taking none-the-less. The CWT agreed to review the resolution if passed by the County Board. If the actions of the City and State create circumstances that treat Delaware County or any part of the watershed differently from the rest of the state then it would be in line with the CWT's position.
  3. Flood Mitigation subcommittee meetings, January 26, 2012. Negotiation with DEP for participation in Flood Buyout and enhanced stream mitigation.
  4. FEMA/SEMO Hazard Mitigation Buyout Program, deadline for Letter of Intent.
- Agenda Items three and four were discussed together. The CWT board discussed the various facets they would like to see included in a flood buyout – stream management program with most of the discussion focused on buyout components. There was agreement among the CWT as to those components to pursue for presentation at the next stakeholder meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - Carl Stuendel inquired if there was an interest in conducting a special meeting of the CWT board prior to the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with technical representatives from the various counties present with the purpose of coming forward with a watershed wide view and goal for the meeting. Carl proposed that, based on discussions with Nicole Franzese that she was willing to facilitate such a meeting. Carl will contact Nicole to set up arrangements for that meeting.

- Dean Frazier informed the CWT that the County hoped to have a draft program for consideration in the very near future. A Delaware County meeting is scheduled for Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Baker indicated he would like to work from that draft to formulate a watershed wide proposal.
5. January Treasurer's Report and Bills
    - Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report Carl, seconded by Pete, all approved. Checking account balance - \$1,000.26; Savings account balance \$111,347.10.
    - Motion to pay warrants totaling \$4,781.52 by Carl, seconded by Pete, all approved. Warrants included both a Young, Sommer bill and the WAP of Greene County.
  6. Communications: The Town of Stamford has requested a response to a question they posed regarding dues prior to paying the dues currently outstanding. Bruce Dolph indicated that he would be in touch with the Stamford Town Supervisor.
  7. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn 7:35 PM by Stephen seconded by Carl, all approved.