

**Coalition of Watershed Towns Meeting Minute  
August 20, 2012**

Present: Carl Stuendel, Bill Layton, Peter Bracci & Bruce Dolph (Delaware County); Dennis Lucas and Stephen Walker (Greene County); Rob Stanley & Bruce LaMonda (Ulster County); Ric Coombe (Sullivan County).  
Jeff Baker – Counsel.

6:10 PM start

**1. July meeting minutes** – motion to accept July minutes made by Carl Stuendel, seconded by Bruce Dolph with all present in favor.

**2. Privilege of the Floor**

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- Shandaken Supervisor Robert Stanley appealed for CWT support for residents in the hamlet of Phoenicia in that they may not be eligible for CWC’s Septic Repair and Rehabilitation (SRR) Program because the community in a public referendum voted down the WWTP and is not interested in an alternative septic maintenance district, both which require the formation of a septic district that would be owned by community. Stanley reported he was told by CWC the homeowners in the area that would constitute the septic district would not be eligible for funding through the SRR program, which works with individual homeowners not in a sewer district. The CWC’s program rule on this matter was put into place so funding for failing or likely to fail subsurface septic systems outside sewer district areas would not be in competition with homeowners that would have received centralized wastewater services if the community opted for one of the two alternatives. Jeff Baker will research the matter to figure out if these homeowners are not eligible or if they are a lower priority and how that is defined.
- Stanley went into the long history between the Town of Shandaken and the DEP over this issue including wastewater treatment options, rising costs, lack of funds, and district area to be serviced.

**3. Catskill Flood Mitigation Work Group**

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- A conference call on August 16, 2012 occurred to wrap up months of negotiations to develop a new Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (FHMP) administered by the CWC and enhance SWCDs capabilities to do more flood mitigation projects.
- Jeff B. reported flood hazard mitigation planning and technical assistance will be done under SWCDs with the option of applying for CWC support for discrete projects. DEP will allocate a yet-to-be-determined amount to CWC to create the new FHMP. This will be memorialized in the updated FAD and if the initial amount is used before the FAD period ends (2017), it is expected it will be replenished.
- Regarding business relocations, the goal would be to relocate businesses out of floodplains to non-floodplain area and keep within the same community or town. It would be up to the town to endorse the relocation plans.
- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) – two extensions have been

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granted totaling 440 days which will allow projects to proceed through next year. Project providers need to request an extension in the fall and again in the spring of 2013.

- Aaron B. questioned projects in Ulster County that are EWP-worthy but Damage Survey Reports (DSRs) have not been completed on all. He will follow up with the County Highway Dept. and as necessary the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the source of program funds. If it's not too late to get DSRs completed, that is what drives the funding.

4. **Status of Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD)** – Jeff B. reported the draft FAD has not come out yet. NYSDOH is working on that.
5. **Bills and Warrant** – motion to pay the Young and Sommer bills for the months of February, June and July 2012 was made by Bruce Dolph, seconded by Carl Stuendel and carried unanimously. Bruce Dolph reviewed the July 2012 **Treasurer's Report**: there is \$ 95,912.60 in Savings and \$1,000.36 in Checking.

7:20 PM meeting adjourned on motion by Dennis Lucas, seconded by Bill Layton with all present in favor.