



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*9:30 A.M., Thursday, October 22, 2020*

*via Zoom Videoconference*

**Meeting Minutes**

**1) Open Meeting**

Voting Members in Attendance: Rich Williams (Town of Patterson); Chris Burdick (Town of Bedford); Peter Parsons (Town of Lewisboro); Warren Lucas (Town of North Salem); Rich Franzetti as alternate for Ken Schmitt (Town of Carmel)

Others in Attendance: Christine Chale (Corporate Counsel); Patrick Logan (Corporate Counsel); Vincent Giorgio (NYCDEP); Mike Meyer (NYCDEP); Millie Magraw (Westchester County); Kevin Fitzpatrick (EOHWC); Joanne Tavino (EOHWC); Linda Matera (EOHWC)

**2) Approve Meeting Minutes**

**a. September 24, 2020**

Motion by Director Burdick, seconded by Director Parsons to approve the meeting minutes of September 24, 2020; all in favor.

**b. October 13, 2020**

Motion by Director Burdick, seconded by Director Parsons to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2020; all in favor.

**3) Financial Update**

Joanne Tavino reported no change to the financial update since the October 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors' meeting. Today's checks total \$440,052 of which \$4,355 is FAD expenditures.

**4) Project Update**

Kevin Fitzpatrick reported that there are no major changes to the projects since the last Board meeting. Over the next 2 months we will be going out to bid for construction on a few projects with some to be awarded at the December Executive Committee meeting. By the end of this year our plan is to complete PR-CR-601 at Cross Road in Pound Ridge, MK-NC-601 at Mount Kisco Village Hall and MK-NC-602 at Mount Kisco Commons. Before the end of this year we are hoping to begin construction on SE-EB-715 at Scolpino Park pending approval of design submittals sent New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

**5) SEQRA Determinations**

Director Williams presented 3 SEQRA determination resolutions for approval.

**a. MK-NC-601**

Motion by Rich Franzetti, seconded by Director Burdick to approve the SEQRA Negative Declaration for MK-NC-601.

**WHEREAS**, EOHWC is considering undertaking the installation of a stormwater retrofit project in the Village of Mount Kisco involving catch basin filter inserts to be installed at Village Hall, located at 104 East Main Street in the Village of Mount Kisco, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of EOHWC has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated 10/22/2020 and all relevant environmental information related to the proposed project;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation that it:

1. Classifies the project as an unlisted action under the SEQRA; and
2. Determines that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Motion passed; all in favor.

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**b. PR-CR-601**

Director Williams inquired about the removal of the roadbed for the project on Cross Road in the Town of Pound Ridge. Kevin explained that it's an abandoned road that connects State Route 124 into a residential area. It links to a bridge that can no longer accommodate vehicles so they want to abandon the road entirely because it no longer serves a purpose to the Town. If we tear out the paving and let it get restored to grass or forest cover we can get approximately a half of a kilogram of phosphorus reduction. The Town of Pound Ridge has taken a formal action to abandon the road. There are no adjacent property owners that have access to the road. Property owners that are adjacent to it have frontage and access on other existing roads in the area. Director Williams indicated his understanding is when a town officially abandons a road it gets divided down the center line and half of it becomes property of the adjacent property owners. Christine explained that it depends on whether it was a user road or a road acquired in fee by the town. Director Williams emphasized the importance of making sure we have the legal right to do the improvements. Christine said if it is a user road a temporary easement would need to be obtained from the neighbors. Director Lucas asked if the bridge is owned by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP). To Kevin's knowledge it is not a NYCDEP bridge but he will confirm that with the Town, and if necessary, put Christine in contact with Pound Ridge's attorney to avoid any roadblocks. It would be most cost effective to do it as a reimbursement and have the Town of Pound Ridge Highway Department do the construction. Additionally, the project cost will be requested from the design engineer to make sure it's below the target.

Motion by Director Lucas, seconded by Rich Franzetti to approve the SEQRA Negative Declaration for PR-CR-601.

**WHEREAS**, EOHWC is considering undertaking the installation of a stormwater retrofit project in the Town of Pound Ridge involving the removal of current roadway along with the restoration of soils beneath it at Cross Road, which connects Boutonville Road and NYS Route 124 in the Town of Pound Ridge, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of EOHWC has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated 10/22/2020 and all relevant environmental information related to the proposed project;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation that it:

1. Classifies the project as an unlisted action under the SEQRA; and
2. Determines that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Motion passed; all in favor.

R-1022-02

**c. SE-DI-701**

Motion by Director Lucas, seconded by Rich Franzetti to approve the SEQRA Negative Declaration for SE-DI-701.

**WHEREAS**, EOHWC is considering undertaking the installation of a stormwater retrofit project in the Town of Southeast involving catch basin filter inserts to be installed at Southeast Train Station, located at 1 Independent Way the Town of Southeast, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of EOHWC has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated 10/22/2020 and all relevant environmental information related to the proposed project;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation that it:

1. Classifies the project as an unlisted action under the SEQRA; and
2. Determines that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Motion passed; all in favor.

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**6) Fabco Industries Purchase Order/MK-NC-601**

Director Williams presented a purchase order from Fabco Industries for catch basin inserts for MK-NC-601. Kevin pointed out that both he and the Mount Kisco town engineer are doing the design in order to keep the cost down. Fabco is eager to get started and expects to have it installed by the end of this year.

Motion by Director Burdick, seconded by Director Lucas to approve the purchase order for the installation of fifteen catch basin inserts at Mount Kisco Village Hall for stormwater retrofit project MK-NC-601 in the amount of \$25,578; all in favor.

**7) O & M Program Update**

Kevin said the he and Cory are visiting the sites and making sure towns are getting to the items discussed at the October Board meeting. We are continuing to encourage everyone to get prepared for fall cleanup

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and submissions. The standard letter that we send out every year to each municipality was sent this week to every town that has an EOHWC project. They were reminded when everything is due and that we expect them to execute the O&M in a timely manner. Director Parsons said that his Highway Superintendent, Peter Ripperger, is on extended sick leave and asked that his deputy, Joe Posadas, be brought up to date on what's required.

#### **8) Checks and vouchers**

Monthly vouchers were signed. No action taken.

#### **9) Other business**

Director Burdick extended his thanks to the Executive Committee and the Board for moving ahead with the expansion of the authority and the mission of the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation. He expressed his utmost respect for the group and their ability to put politics aside and get projects done. He further noted that it is because of that confidence in EOHWC that it's really worth the effort to see whether this Corporation can serve as a vehicle for getting more done in trying to protect our water quality and deal with real issues that face all of the towns and counties that are members of the Corporation. In a preliminary conversation with Dave Warne it appears as though it's going to be difficult getting funding from New York City, New York State and the Counties. Director Williams agreed that it has been a pleasure working with members and the respect and admiration for everyone is mutual.

**10) Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Director Lucas, seconded by Director Parsons; all in favor. Adjourned 9:49 AM.**



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**PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE**

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes approved by the Executive Committee.



Richard Williams, Sr., President



Date

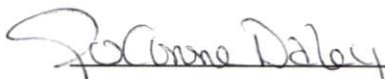



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### SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes approved by the Executive Committee.

  
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JoAnne Daley, Secretary

  
Date