



Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee

April 26th, 2017 Meeting

Tannersville SMP Office, Tannersville, NY

MINUTES

Town of Ashland
James Lawrence

Town of Conesville
Eric Dahlberg
Bill Federice, Alt.

Town of Gilboa
Val Riedman
Rebecca Wilburn, Alt.

Town of Hunter
David Kukle
Anthony Coiro, Alt.

Village of Hunter
Michael Tancredi
Alan Higgins, Alt.

Town of Jewett
Michael McCrary
Jim Pellitteri, Alt.

Town of Lexington
Lynn Byrne
Beverly Dezan, Alt.

Town of Prattsville
Kory O'Hara

Town of Roxbury
Joseph Farleigh
Tom Hynes, Alt.

Village of Tannersville
Leigh McGunnigle
Robert Janiszewski, Alt.

Town of Windham
Steve Walker
Don Murray, Alt.

Highway Superintendent
Erik Allen

Educator
Vacant

Fisheries Guide
Judd Weisberg
Ron Urban, Alt.

**Greene County
Legislators**
Lori Torgersen
Larry Gardner

Members in attendance: James Lawrence (Town of Ashland); David Kukle and Anthony Coiro (Town of Hunter); Michael McCrary (Town of Jewett); Lynne Byrne (Education) and Beverly Dezan (Town of Lexington); Bob Janiszewski (Village of Tannersville); Steve Walker (Town of Windham); Erik Allan (Highway Superintendent); Ron Urban (Fisheries); Eric Dahlberg (Town of Conesville); Val Reidman (Town of Gilboa)

Others: Jeff Flack, Abbe Martin, Michelle Yost, Samantha Root, and Michelle McDonough (GCSWCD); Dave Burns (DEP); Joanne Noone (Conesville Resident)

Meeting chaired by David Kukle.

1. October Meeting Minutes

- a. **Resolution #1 of 2017** – motion to approve the minutes from the October 26th, 2016 SWAC meeting. Motion made by Bob Janiszewski, seconded by Ron Urban, all present in favor.

2. Abbe Martin presented the Schoharie Basin Stream Management Program 2016 updates:

- a. Education & Outreach
- b. NYC Watershed Demolition
- c. Stream Restoration Projects
- d. Catskill Stream Buffer Initiatives
- e. Plant Materials Center
- f. Project Monitoring
- g. Student Conservation Association Internship

3. Abbe Martin presented SMIP Update:

- 2016 Applications and Awards
- 2016 Awards
 - The EnviroScape Watershed Model was awarded in Fall 2016 and, in its first season of use, has reached all of the watershed schools (Hunter-Tannersville High School, Hunter Elementary School, Gilboa-Conesville Central School, and Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School).
- SMIP Budget Update:
 - Since the program started in 2008, there have been 14 rounds of funding with \$2,712,445.24 allocated for 65 projects. Most are complete, some are ongoing and some in process. Break out as follows:
 - Landowner Assistance (8 awards): \$1,068,000.00
 - Stormwater & Critical Area Seeding (4 awards): \$85,903.50
 - Recreation & Habitat (8 awards): \$108,379.30
 - Education & Outreach (20 awards): \$80,615.02

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- Planning & Assessment (5 awards): \$143,259.35
- Highway & Infrastructure (11 awards): \$726,281.00
- Flood Hazard Mitigation (9 awards): \$567,722.50
- SMIP Round 15 applications were submitted by March 15, 2017
- Action Plan
 - The 2017 Action Plan was sent out through e-mail. There was a request to review and submit questions/comments by Friday, May 5th, 2017.
 - Enhancing public access to streams.
 - Dave Kukle asked the question about if the Stream Acquisition Program (SAP) is working with the program to enhance public access.
 - There is some communication/input from SAP, but the program is intended to support municipalities implementing their own projects.

4. Abbe Martin presented on the following SMIP Round 15 Applications:

- **Education & Outreach**
 - **Bowery Creek Training Facility Curriculum Development for Onsite Field Trainings**
 - Funding Requested: \$4,500
 - In-kind Contribution: \$4,500
 - *GCSWCD staff recommendation to fund at the level requested.*
 - **Resolution #1 of 2017** – motion to approve request by Anthony Coiro, seconded by Lynne Byrne, Michael McCrary abstained, all other present members in favor. Committee approved \$4,500 in funding for the Bowery Creek Training Facility Curriculum Development for Onsite Field Trainings.
 - **Schoharie Watershed Month**
 - Funding Requested: \$2,500
 - *GCSWCD staff recommendation to fund at the level requested.*
 - **Resolution #2 of 2017** – motion to approve request by Steve Walker, seconded by Bob Janiszewski, all present in favor. Committee approved \$2,500 in funding for Schoharie Watershed Month.
- **Landowner Assistance**
 - **Batavia Kill Restoration at Kastanis-Rieger**
 - Funding Requested: \$150,000
 - *GCSWCD staff recommendation to fund at the level requested.*
 - **Resolution #3 of 2017** – motion to approve request by Michael McCrary, seconded by James Lawrence, all present in favor. Committee approved \$150,000 in funding for the Batavia Kill Restoration at Kastanis-Rieger.
- **Planning & Assessment**
 - **Hunter Wetlands Leachate Treatment System – Remediation Engineering (Re-allocation)**
 - Funding Requested: \$0
 - There is \$0 listed for this application because the funding was already awarded and needs to be re-allocated.
 - Re-allocation of Funding Requested: \$25,000
 - *GCSWCD staff support re-allocation of funds, from assessment to design.*
 - **Resolution #4 of 2017** – motion to approve request by Steve Walker, seconded by Beverly Dezan, David Kukle abstained, all other present members in favor.

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Committee approved \$9,050 in funding for the Hunter Wetlands Leachate Treatment System – Remediation Engineering.

- **Highway & Infrastructure**
 - **Hunter Wetlands Leachate Treatment System – Remediation – Implementation**
 - Funding Requested: \$9,050
 - In-kind Contribution: \$26,296
 - *GCSWCD staff recommendation to fund at the level requested.*
 - **Resolution #5 of 2017** – motion to approve request by Steve Walker, seconded by Ron Urban, David Kukle abstained, all other present members in favor. Committee approved \$9,050 in funding for the Hunter Wetlands Leachate Treatment System – Remediation - Implementation

- **Recreation & Habitat**
 - **No applications**
- **Flood Hazard Mitigation**
 - **Schoharie Corridor Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis Additional Funding**
 - Funding Requested: \$70,000
 - In-kind Contribution: \$19,000
 - *GCSWCD staff recommendation to fund at level requested.*
 - A question was raised about why there is a difference in cost between this LFA and the LFA for the Town of Ashland.
 - i. This includes a larger area and population centers of both the Villages of Hunter and Tannersville.
 - **Resolution #6 of 2017** – motion to approve request by Lynn Byrne, seconded by Ron Urban, Bob Janiszewski abstained, all other present members in favor. Committee approved \$70,000 in additional funding for the Schoharie Corridor Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis.
 - **Ashland LFA Additional Funding**
 - Funding Requested: \$14,880
 - *GCSWCD staff recommendation to fund at level requested.*
 - **Resolution #7 of 2017** – motion to approve request by Steve Walker, seconded by Bob Janiszewski, Erik Allen and James Lawrence abstained, all other present members in favor. Committee approved \$14,880 in additional funding for the Ashland LFA.

- **Innovative Stormwater (SW)**
 - **No Applications**

5. Other:

- Update on streambank and road stabilization in the Kaaterskill Clove:
 - Bob Janiszewski requested the files for the streambank and road stabilization project on Route 23A. Michelle Yost offered to send a PowerPoint, summarizing the project.
- SUNY Cobleskill Fish Passage Project Update:
 - The motion to implement a project which assesses the effectiveness of an economical fish-passage device for perched culverts in the Schoharie Creek watershed was tabled at the Round 14 SWAC Meeting on October 26, 2016.
 - The fish passage device has been designed by Cobleskill students. Walt Keller is intended to work with the Cobleskill students to build the prototype. A grant

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proposal has been submitted to National Trout Unlimited. The grant would be worth \$8,000-\$9,000 to complete three fish passage sites. The proposal is being reviewed and a decision should be made by September 2017. Upon grant approval, the money would be viable for two years.

*Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017. Location to be determined.
Round 16 SMIP applications due on September 15th, 2017.*