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*Executive Council 2015*

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**Membership**

The Ashokan Stakeholder Council is comprised of:

**The Executive Council:**

**2 representatives from each of the active AWSMP working groups.**

Both representatives of a working group should not come from the same organization or agency.

Representatives should be chosen annually by the working group.

No person can represent more than one working group on the Stakeholder Council.

**Staff: (CCE Ulster County, UC SWCD, DEP SMP Contract Manager for Ashokan Watershed)**

**Regular Members:** Membership in the Stakeholder Council is open to any interested and knowledgeable stakeholder.

**ASHOKAN WATERSHED STREAM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

AWSMP Program Office, Shokan, NY 12481

**February 19, 2015 1:30pm-4:00pm**

**In Attendance:** Mike R., Barry B., Marc H., Amanda L., Kerissa B., Chet K., Burt S.

**Staff:** Leslie Z., Brent G., Heather E., Danyelle D., Adam D., Aaron B.

**Next scheduled meeting: March 19, 2015**

**Review revised Stakeholder Council Guidelines**

Revisions to the Stakeholder Council Guidelines were presented and discussed by attendees.

Modifications included number of Stakeholder Council Meetings per year, voting rules, definition of a majority, and electronic and proxy voting language.

Motion to accept AWSMP Stakeholder Council Guidelines was made by Barry B., seconded by Aaron B., with all affirmative votes.

**Review AWSMP Grant Review Committee recommendations for SMIP grant funding**

Leslie Z. overviewed new DEP contract terms with Executive Council members. SMIP budget total is \$3 million (\$2 million for Regular SMIP and \$1 million for LFA SMIP) over the next five years. The current contract began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2019.

Leslie Z. explained the capital and expense budget categories.

**Application Process**

Each Grant Review Committee member read and scored each SMIP application received. The scores were averaged together and each project was ranked appropriately.

Each committee member was able to address concerns, ask questions, and offer explanations during the process.

The recommended projects were:

- Mine Hollow Culvert Replacement – UC DPW
- Long Term Study of Fish Assemblages in the Upper Esopus Creek – USGS
- Effects of White Perch on the Growth of Rainbow Trout in the Ashokan Basin – USGS
- Maltby Hollow Stream Feature Inventory and Erosion Site Assessment – Town of Olive
- Town Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan - Town of Olive

- Attendance at NYSFSMA Annual Conference – Towns of Olive, Woodstock, and Shandaken
- Attendance at Rosgen II Applies Stream Geomorphology Training – UC DPW
- Fish Tales Documentary – Willow Mixed Media, Inc.
- Local Flood Analysis for Boiceville and West Shokan – Town of Olive
- Local Flood Analysis for Phoenicia and Mt. Tremper (Supplemental Funds) – Town of Shandaken

**Vote to Adopt Recommendations**

Infrastructure category:

- Mine Hollow Culvert Replacement – UC DPW

Recusals: Burt S.

Motion to accept Infrastructure recommendations was made by Aaron B., seconded by Barry B., with all affirmative votes.

Research and Monitoring category:

- Long Term Study of Fish Assemblages in the Upper Esopus Creek – USGS
- Effects of White Perch on the Growth of Rainbow Trout in the Ashokan Basin – USGS

Recusals: Barry B.

Motion to accept Research and Monitoring recommendations was made by Burt S., seconded by Marc H., with all affirmative votes.

Planning category:

- Maltby Hollow Stream Feature Inventory and Erosion Site Assessment – Town of Olive
- Town Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan - Town of Olive

Recusals: None

Motion to accept Planning recommendations was made by Chet K., seconded by Mike R., with all affirmative votes.

Education category:

- Attendance at NYSFSMA Annual Conference – Towns of Olive, Woodstock, and Shandaken
- Attendance at Rosgen II Applies Stream Geomorphology Training – UC DPW
- Fish Tales Documentary – Willow Mixed Media, Inc.

Recusals: None

Motion to accept Education recommendations was made by Kerissa B., seconded by Burt S., with all affirmative votes.

LFA category:

- Local Flood Analysis for Boiceville and W. Shokan – Town of Olive
- Local Flood Analysis for Phoenicia and Mt. Tremper Supplemental Funds) – Town of Shandaken

Recusals: None

Motion to accept LFA recommendations was made by Amanda L., seconded by Marc H., with all affirmative votes.

There was discussion on how to handle non-funded applications. Leslie Z. explained that a general rejection letter is sent. Further explanation can be provided if requested.

Marc H. questioned how the effectiveness of approved projects is measured. Leslie Z. answered that infrastructure/restoration projects are inspected and issues are known, and quick resolutions are implemented. Other types of projects are more subjective. AWSMP could ask for a presentation from applicants going forward.

Frequency of RFAs discussed: one every six months; in spring, and in fall. The spring announcement would go out in March and be reviewed in May.

### **Executive Council Discussion**

Recreational access topics were discussed.

- Maintaining the siphons on the Gilboa Dam

May need to be handled in cooperation with Schoharie. There are benefits to keeping the siphons, such as conserving cold water while also maintaining capacity for rapid emergency drawdown. Once siphons are removed, ability to maintain control is compromised.

- Safety and Impact to Recreational Boating Use

Town of Port Jervis is building a whitewater park – may be a good place to start asking questions. Good topic for Stream Access and Recreation Committee to discuss and further develop.