

PCB DREDGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2006 – 4:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman DeCerce; Supervisors, Wood, Peck and Richardson and Gutheil; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Julie Stokes, Region 5 Rep; Tracey Clothier, Larry Ambrosini, LA Group; Press.

Chairman DeCerce called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. DeCerce said the committee has had several meetings to address what they would need to do to apply for grant money to be used for mitigation issues due to the dredging of PCB's from the Hudson River. The county has offered \$25,000, he said. Since the committee engaged the LA Group, a preliminary brochure has been assembled, which was distributed to all committee members for their review. The brochure gives some general ideas about reclaiming the Hudson River, Federal, State and Regional partnerships, map, and each town along the riverfront.

Ms. Clothier said she has received several comments with regard to changes to be made to the brochure including a vision of how to build a unified trail system.

The committee directed Mr. Hellwig to move forward through a minor contract to direct the Purchasing Department to select a vendor for the printing of the brochure in conjunction with Mr. Ambrosini, from the LA Group.

Ms. Clothier said a copy of the brochure would be distributed to all committee members with the changes that were submitted.

Mrs. Stokes said a question that has come up several times is whether General Electric and the EPA are doing enough work on archaeological issues? Both the National Park Service and the Historic Preservation Officer are very concerned that they are not doing archaeological investigations and/or protecting archaeological resources that they are going to find. In all documents it is said that any in-river debris may be destroyed. General Electric and the EPA have not done any studies of what is actually in the flood plains in terms of archaeological resources, she said.

A copy of the comments from the Department of the Interior, the National Parks and Historic Preservation Officer and a letter written by Marilyn Pulver with regard to what Fort Edward is demanding were distributed to all committee members for their review.

Mr. DeCerce said a great deal of time was spent at the last CAG meeting on mitigation as far as re-suspension and getting water to the towns of Halfmoon and Waterford. Before anything further can be done, modeling and testing of the active carbon system needs to be done.

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wood the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom