



Upper Delaware Council

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UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2018

The Upper Delaware Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the Council office in Narrowsburg, NY. Chairperson Aaron Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

In attendance: Shohola Township-Aaron Robinson, Berlin Township –Alan Henry, Town of Hancock-Fred Peckham, Town of Fremont-Jim Greier, Town of Delaware-Harold G. Roeder, Jr., Town of Tusten- Susan Sullivan, Damascus Township-Jeffrey Dexter, Lackawaxen Township-Doug Case, Westfall Township–Michael Barth, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-Tim Dugan, Delaware River Basin Commission-Ken Najjar, National Park Service-Kris Heister. Staff in attendance: UDC Executive Director-Laurie Ramie, Resource Specialist- Pete Golod; Secretary-Linda Drollinger. Absent: State of New York–Bill Rudge, Town of Cochection, Town of Highland, Media: Peter Becker. Guests: Ginny Dudko-Town of Deerpark, Evan Padua-Town of Tusten.

Presentation by Steve Schwartz, Coordinator, 2018 Upper Delaware BioBlitz: Schwartz described why the 2018 BioBlitz was held for the second time on the Gales Property at the confluence of the East and West Branches of the Delaware River in Starlight, PA near Hancock, NY. It is a large property (65 acres) that is partly within the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Corridor. It offers diverse terrain that includes open and forested areas, river and riparian wetlands and spring-fed ponds, a floodplain, mowed and unmowed fields and great public accessibility as well as ample parking space. The first (2013) Upper Delaware BioBlitz was held here and offered a basis for comparison to this year's findings. The second (2014) Upper Delaware BioBlitz was held at Ten Mile River Access, as was the third in 2016. The next BioBlitz is anticipated for 2020 and site suggestions on the New York side are being entertained now. Schwartz explained that a BioBlitz is a 24-hour collection and examination of plants, animals and insects found on the site by teams of scientists and amateur naturalists that is open to the public and encourages citizen scientist participation. There were an estimated 300 participants in total, including volunteers, partners, 55 scientists and naturalists, and about 200 public participants. Schwartz said in an effort to attract a larger segment of the public, arts were offered as well. They included an original musical theater piece, "Trees" performed by the North American Cultural Laboratory, and a puppet play. Illustration workshops, photography workshops, and electrofishing techniques were also on the itinerary. Some of the participating universities and organizations were the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Cornell University, Penn State, and East Stroudsburg University. Local birders, mushroom clubs and fungi teams made up many of the citizen scientists. The teams worked all night, as many of the species studied are nocturnal. Asked what ultimately became of specimens collected, Schwartz said some animals were released back into the wild when the BioBlitz ended. Others, if unusual or previously unknown, went to the Smithsonian, New York Botanical Garden and other institutions for further study. Insects in particular were likely to go to a university with a strong entomology department and may end up on permanent display there or elsewhere. Schwartz noted that field locations can make for primitive work conditions. So this year, with an eye to comfort, the steering committee sprang for collection tent lighting, making it much easier for bug teams working through the night. Past experience taught the committee that tent sides offer protection from sun, wind and rain, so the collection tent had sides as well. This year, with

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temperatures in the high 90s, the shade they provided was welcomed by scientists and public alike. Hoping for a large student turnout, the steering committee did a lot of outreach and scheduled the event just after the school year ended and before camps opened. The base camp collection tent had nine tables, one for each scientific team that corresponded roughly with the six kingdoms of life and the three domains of biological classification. Asked how 2018 BioBlitz results differ from those of 2013 at the same site, Schwartz said preliminary results show 765 species were found in 2018. In 2013, 10,022 species were tabulated in final results findings. Citing strong 2013 invertebrate and botany teams, Schwartz said 500 invertebrates were found that year, as opposed to 223 this year. A complete breakdown of 2018 preliminary results is as follows: aquatic macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects, mussels) - 67; birds -59; botany (plants) – 206; bryology (lichens, mosses, and worts) – 103; fish – 26; fungi (mushrooms and molds) – 48; herps (reptiles/amphibians) – 15; invertebrates (terrestrial insects, worms, snails) – 223; mammals – 18. Schwartz said he would supplement these results at www.UpperDelawareBioblitz.com and on the BioBlitz Facebook page as more data is received. Robinson presented Schwartz with a UDC lapel pin in appreciation for his presentation.

Approval of July 5 Meeting Minutes: A motion by Peckham, seconded by Rajsz, to approve the July 5 meeting minutes was carried.

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

Committee Reports: Committee reports were provided based on the meeting minutes. They were: July 17 WU/RM Committee by Peckham, July 24 Project Review by Dean, and July 24 Operations by Robinson.

Status Reports

Delaware River Basin Commission: DRBC representative Ken Najjar attended. A copy of the August 1, 2018 NYC Current Reservoir Levels was provided in members' packets. The NYC Delaware River Basin Storage was at a combined capacity of 94.3%, with Cannonsville at 89.1% capacity. Normal for the date is 87.0%. Najjar reported that reservoirs are all almost at capacity while consumption trends have been either stable or declining. New York City has for 30 years been reducing its Delaware River Basin (DRB) water consumption. Industry demand for DRB water is down as manufacturing continues to decline. Public consumption is stable: 20% of water supply is lost to residential leaks, degrading water tunnels, etc. Thermoelectric demand is down as plant closures continue to rise. And water is used less for industry cooling as evaporative cooling use grows. Henry asked if the DRBC maintains a list of fines that have been levied. Najjar said they are not published, but one could submit a Freedom of Information request for fines and dispositions of cases. He recommended being as specific as possible.

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation: Three handouts were provided by Rudge: The first is a 7/26/18 NYSDEC news release entitled, "DEC Seeks Participants for 2018 Summer Wild Turkey Survey," which encourages New Yorkers to participate in a survey for wild turkeys, an opportunity for citizen scientists to provide DEC's wildlife managers with invaluable data while giving New Yorkers the opportunity to partner with the DEC to help monitor the state's wildlife resources. Commissioner Basil Seggos urges residents to take time to record observations of wild turkeys while exploring the forests and fields around their homes or driving through the state's rural areas this summer. The summer wild turkey survey has been conducted since 1996 as a means of tracking wild turkey populations and estimating the number of wild turkey poults (chicks) per hen statewide. This index allows DEC to gauge reproductive success and predict fall harvest potential. Survey participants are asked to record sex and age composition of all flocks observed. A Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey form, along with instructions and the data sheet can be downloaded at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48732.html>. Survey cards can be obtained by contacting a regional DEC office, calling (518) 402-8883, or emailing wildlife@dec.ny.gov. (Type "Turkey Survey" in the subject line. Participants also have the option of submitting observations online at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1726062/Summer-Wild-Turkey-Sighting-Survey>. For other Citizen Science Initiatives, see <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/1155.html>. The second handout was a 7/27/18 email with a Spotted Lanternfly Update attachment. The Protective Zone referenced in the attachment includes

Bronx, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Kings, Nassau, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tioga, Ulster and Westchester counties. The announcement of a multi-agency [NYSDEC, Department of Agriculture & Markets (DAM), the US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (ISDA-APHIS) and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)] effort to prevent, detect, and respond to the threat of Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) in New York was distributed to all DEC organizational membership and staff. A coordinated effort of the foregoing agencies is underway to detect SLF, prevent its spread and to raise awareness of its devastating capability among the public, with an understanding that public reporting is very effective with this unique-looking invasive. Early detection of SLF in New York is critical to success in controlling it. Some components of the initiative are: commercial vehicle inspections; sticky band traps in strategic locations of high risk areas; use of dinotefuran insecticide; collaboration with researchers and staff from USDA, Forest Service, Penn State and PA Department of Agriculture to understand best methods of control and survey; development of outreach materials; and creation of a protective zone covering 20 counties that will permit DEC to enter private lands for the purpose of modifying the forest, spraying, cutting, destroying trees or other vegetation, particularly Tree of Heaven plants, the preferred and potentially necessary host species of SLF. The third handout was a 07/31/18 NYSDEC news release entitled, "DEC Accepting Applications for Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants." Commissioner Seggos said funding rural fire departments is one way of helping fire departments battle wildfires and forest fires across the state. In 2017, DEC helped 319 fire departments purchase much-needed equipment. The Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC Forest Rangers. Fire departments receive 50/50 matching funds up to \$1,500. Only firefighting gear and equipment is eligible for funding: portable pumps, portable backpack pumps, hand tools, hoses, light-weight fireproof clothing, hard hats, turnout gear, portable radios, generators and dry hydrants qualify. Search and rescue devices, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, and maintenance items are not eligible for funding.

PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources: Tim Dugan reported that the department's 2019 budget has been finalized but not yet conveyed to his section. Dugan asked that everyone be on the lookout for Spotted Lanternfly. He said its impact is expected to be primarily agricultural; fruit is a prime target of SLF. Asked what new strategies are available for fighting this invasive's spread, Dugan said a biological predator model has been developed since it was determined that for females to lay viable egg clutches they must have a final feeding on the female Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus*) plant. The plan in quarantine areas is for all female *Ailanthus* plants to be loaded with herbicide to kill fertile SLF females. Dugan said no one will miss the *Ailanthus* plants sacrificed in the battle to control SLF, as *Ailanthus* is itself an invasive plant from southeast Asia that has proved difficult to eradicate and has no commercial value; additionally, it is responsible for cardiac arrhythmia in humans when ingested. Asked if it could be used for pellet stoves or in wood and pulp industries, Dugan said no, because it is too porous and degrades quickly. Dugan noted that *Ailanthus* has been in the U.S. since the late eighteenth century and that it thrives from coast to coast in a range of climate and habitat conditions that will make targeting it a task of astronomical proportion. On a more positive note, Dugan reported that the Forestry Department has acquired a 20-acre land donation on the river in Manchester Township that will hypothetically be maintained for recreational use and offer free camping. But he emphasized that the project is still under review and has yet to be finalized. He noted that the department is also considering purchase of large parcels in Wayne and Pike Counties for similar recreational use. Changing the topic to the challenges presented by wildfires in the southern and western U.S., Dugan said more than 100 PA firefighters have so far been sent to the wildfires out west. Asked about the release of shale gas drilling water quality study results, Dugan said he had yet to study the lengthy report, but knows that it is available online. The press release announcing the report can be found at https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/DCNR_details.aspx?newsid=475, and the report itself is available at http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_20033642.pdf. Dugan mentioned that the department would have an information booth at Grey Towers 14th Annual Festival of Wood on August 4-5.

National Park Service-Upper Delaware: UPDE Superintendent Kris Heister said NPS had a busy weekend with the high water. All law enforcement staff were out and both boats were deployed. The National Canoe Safety Patrol made 1,696 visitor contacts, 67 river rescues and responded to 54 capsized boat incidents between May and July 4. Three life jacket loaner stations have been established at the three locations with the highest swimming-related drownings (Lukes Landing, Riverside, and Minisink) Two additional stations will be placed in the Skinners Falls vicinity. The interpretive staff has been busy in July and August, reaching 479 people onsite and 1400 people, mostly children, through NPS offsite initiatives in 50 educational programs for the public on a wide variety of topics. The cultural resource intern has cleaned and inventoried the entire Mill Rift Museum collection. On 8/11, a dragonfly sampling event to test for mercury levels will take place at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Callicoon Access from 10 a.m. to noon that is open to volunteers, but limited to 10-15 people. Call 570-729-7942 ext. 3305 if interested. On 9/1-2, NPS is partnering with Steamtown National Historic Site and Stourbridge Lion for the Steamtown Railfest, which will feature a rail excursion from Steamtown to Moscow, PA. Passengers will be met by NPS rangers on a bus to Lackawaxen where they will board a Stourbridge Lion train to Honesdale. From there, they will be bused back to Steamtown. Hydrologist Andrew Weber starts August 20. Heister announced that the Delaware Watershed Conservation Act Fund has four million dollars available in grants for which 501 (C)(3) organizations, federal, state, local and municipal governments, Indian tribes, and educational institutions are eligible. Proposals must specifically address how projects will directly and measurably contribute to the accomplishment of program priorities described in the program framework. First year on-the-ground projects are emphasized. Emphasis is on projects that reflect multiple priorities within the framework, across strategic program areas and cross-program areas. Emphasis is on projects that foster strong, broad partnerships; however, grants of less than \$100,000 will be awarded for projects at a single site and with limited partners. The fund is being managed and administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Per Heister, land acquisition is a fundable expense, making purchase of river frontage to create additional public access sites a real possibility. Asked for particulars, Heister said there is a 50% minimum matching requirement. Proposals are due in September and will be evaluated in September and October. Awards will be announced in November. Projects must be completed within two years. A webinar is scheduled for Friday, August 17 from 1-2 p.m., during which prospective grantees will be coached on, and have the chance to ask questions about, the application process for this funding. Information about the webinar and other tips for prospective applicants can be found on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website [<http://www.nfwf.org/delaware/Pages/home.aspx>]. Questions may be directed to Mike Slattery, Delaware River Watershed Coordinator, at 202-870-1072 or michael_slattery@fws.gov. Roeder said the Town of Delaware has been talking with the State of New York and Sullivan County about the purchase of approximately 80 acres of a former campground along the river and thought this might be a project suitable for a Delaware Watershed Conservation Act Fund grant. He noted that part of the acreage would be used as a river access site and part would be used for a new waste water treatment plant designed to prevent waste water releases into the river. Heister said she was familiar with the project and agreed. Rajsza said she would bring the funding information to Sullivan County's grant writer. Heister noted that this funding will be replenished annually, and said that, if RFPs could not be submitted by the September deadline, another RFP submission period will open in February. Turning to NPS budget projections, Heister indicated a budget sheet in the meeting packet that included an itemized breakdown of \$90,701.33 in total park unfunded operating costs, the cost of repairs to NPS property necessitated by storm damage, as well as \$903,285.35 for projects funded by the Northeast Region and the Washington Office.

UDC Executive Director's Report:

Calendar: The UDC's 30th Annual Family Raft Trip will be held Sunday, August 5. There are currently 98 registrants. Ramie and Drollinger will check them in between 9 and 10 a.m. at Lander's Skinners Falls Campground Access for their trip to Ten Mile River Access. The 30th Anniversary Newsletter will be released for delivery on Monday, August 6. River Clean-up Grant projects due for completion this month include August 17 for Tusten and Lumberland. Deerpark's deadline extension for an additional Hawks Nest clean-up will end on September 14. The completion date for 2018 TAG projects is August 24. The deadline for 2019 TAG applications is August 31.

Presentations: Educational presentations booked for the next two UDC meetings include Sullivan County E-911 Coordinator Alex Rau and Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosiek discussing the county's emergency communications system on September 6, and James Brewster, Hydrologist/Meteorologist with the National Weather Service's (NWS) Binghamton Office, giving a demonstration of the NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service on October 4. He will also discuss the recent revision of flood stage categories for the river gages at Port Jervis/Matamoras and Montague.

Rising Nation Journey: Ramie included a copy of an article by Hunter Hill (Damascus Supervisor Steve Adams' son) in the August 1 online edition of The River Reporter for the packets that described a special event to be held August 3-8 in the Upper Delaware. The Lenape Nation's three-week paddle, from Hancock, NY to Cape May, NJ with treaty signings and programs along the way, welcomes public participation. For purposes of obtaining a newsletter article, Ramie plans to attend the opening ceremony Saturday morning in Hancock and a visit later that day to the Equinunk Historical Society Calder House Museum. Ramie noted that there is also a presentation in Equinunk on the history of acid factories by Dan Myers, who is an expert in the wood chemicals industry.

Training and Conferences: Three conference opportunities are coming up, some of them with discounted fees for early registration. The first program, Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training from Pace University Law School, is free, courtesy of grant sponsorship for communities in Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties. Ramie forwarded the announcement to eligible town and county officials on August 1. Some slots are open for organization and agency staff as well. It takes place on four full-day Fridays (October 5, 19, November 2 and 9) in Montgomery, NY. Golod would like to participate on the UDC's behalf. Some NPS staffers also plan to attend, creating potential carpool opportunities. The Sixth Annual Delaware River Watershed Forum, organized by the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed, is scheduled for September 25-26 in Cape May. Golod would like to attend. There is a \$50 savings if registration takes place by August 17. Ramie sought the Council's approval for expenditure of a \$100 fee plus two nights lodging at \$152 per night. She pointed out that it will conflict with the September Project Review and Operations meetings but said Golod considers it a valuable professional development event. Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) will hold their ninth annual "Water, Water Everywhere" conference on October 16-17 at West Branch Angler Resort in Hale Eddy. There would be no conflict with the WU/RM Committee meeting on Tuesday night. Both Ramie and Golod usually attend, and last year interested UDC members went as well. Before September 14, registration will cost \$30 per person. With the board's approval, Ramie suggested that all who are interested contact her, so that she can use the UDC's credit card to sign everyone up under one UDC registration. She would like to know final cost by August 31. A motion by Peckham, seconded by Rajszyk, to approve funding for the two conferences was carried unanimously.

Legislation: Ramie included in the meeting packet a news release from Congressman John Faso (NY-19) which included an authorized quote from the UDC regarding federal legislation to extend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission construction license for the Cannonsville Hydroelectric Project for up to eight years. The bill, sponsored by Faso in the House and by Gillibrand in the Senate, was signed into law on July 24.

Signage: Ramie announced the first of five "Entering Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River" signs was installed in Hancock on Route 97 on August 2. She passed around a photo which includes the "Please Respect Private Property" message that will feature the UDC logo when the stickers are received. The signs were installed by NYS DOT and will be placed at major intersections of the river corridor, with an unveiling ceremony to be scheduled by the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.

Old Business:

Follow-up to Correspondence on Barnes Landfill: Golod received the Barnes Landfill Closure Plan from NYSDEC in response to his FOIL request of that agency. On July 17, the WU/RM Committee asked Golod

to determine if the Barnes Landfill had been declared an EPA Superfund site. Heister told Golod about the EPA Superfund Site website that allows the public to check on the whereabouts of Superfund sites by locality, and from it Golod determined that Barnes Landfill is not a Superfund site. Golod discussed the findings of the NPS Contaminant Specialist consulted about DEC test sampling results from four groundwater monitoring wells at the landfill site. The specialist did not check for substances toxic to humans, as the DEC report had done; her report checked for substances toxic to aquatic life. Her findings in that regard were highlighted on the sheet included in the meeting packet. Heavy metals and chlorine were among the substances found to be toxic to aquatic life. A July 25 letter from NPS Resource Management Chief Don Hamilton to James Lansing of NYS DEC was included in the meeting packet. The letter requested DEC findings from water sampling results prior to those of September 2017 provided to the UDC. Golod is working with Hamilton to draft letters to the New York State Office of the Attorney General and New York State Department of Health requesting additional information. Rajsz informed the Council that she is arranging a meeting to include herself, New York State UDC Representative Bill Rudge, Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek, Highland Supervisor Jeff Haas, and Golod to discuss possible options for the landfill property, which has resulted in two sizeable parcels of land now off county tax rolls. Dean warned that there is no pot of gold that will make this problem go away. Greier suggested that some of the money earmarked by Governor Andrew Cuomo for clean water enterprises should be directed to Barnes Landfill clean-up efforts. Asked what he thought of the landfill situation, Najjar said he would like to see DEC surface water samples taken from Beaver Brook sites upstream and downstream of the landfill. Peckham asked Najjar if the DRBC will provide the UDC with copies of any correspondence it has had with the NYS DEC regarding the Barnes Landfill. Najjar agreed that he would. A motion by Greier, seconded by Dean, to send a letter to NYS DEC requesting funding for landfill clean-up under Cuomo's Clean Water Act bill was carried, with Peckham abstaining and Barth and Dugan opposed. Barth said the entity to submit the application could be interpreted as the responsible party. Peckham said that state funding program is for infrastructure projects, not landfill remediation.

NPS Contracts for Law Enforcement and Trash Removal Services: Robinson introduced this topic. Saying that it is not intended to be an attack on the National Park Service, Robinson added that the goal is to provide assistance to river corridor towns that established law enforcement departments with National Park Service financial assistance and have since been forced to maintain those departments without financial assistance from NPS. Robinson said that has been due to technicalities, such as the number of work hours required and federal prevailing wage requirements that exceed local prevailing wages and are untenable for cash-strapped towns. He said his goal is to find a simple mechanism to re-establish funding to towns. Heister distributed a two-page funding application, to show the Council what the towns are currently required to complete in order to receive financial assistance for law enforcement departments. Robinson clarified that the obstacle for towns is not the paperwork to be completed, but meeting the federal criteria demanded of them. Heister said the wage requirement is mandated by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL); she suggested that towns ask DOL what a town constable's salary should be, as it will vary from the three law enforcement positions defined on the funding application. Robinson asked if NPS could instead fund a police vehicle, as he said it had done in the past. Heister said that it could not. It was also suggested that constables could receive whatever rate of pay towns could afford outside the river corridor and receive the federal pay rate for patrols within the corridor, which would necessitate officers maintaining accurate time and location records. It was suggested that UDC first send a letter to the towns asking if they are interested in reinstating federal subsidies for their law enforcement departments, if they can pay the DOL-established rate, and what their financial need is for activities within the corridor. Robinson asked Heister when these new regulations had gone into effect. Heister said it happened in 2016. A motion by Henry, seconded by Rajsz, to send a letter with the questions on federal law enforcement subsidies was carried, with Peckham abstaining. Robinson asked if all police work done within the corridor would be eligible for subsidy. Heister said funding to municipalities without recreational facilities ceased in 2011. Robinson suggested that discriminates between on-water properties and river corridor acreage. Heister said that only river-related activity would be eligible and that doesn't necessarily mean on the water. For instance, Route 97 is a critical component of the river corridor, which is why NPS provides the Town of Deerpark with financial assistance for patrols at the Hawks Nest.

Other:

UDC Funding Schedule: Robinson said that the UDC needs a funding mechanism that does not depend on retroactive reimbursement, and that research into this matter showed that there is a current provision in the NPS-UDC Cooperative Agreement for advance funding of the UDC. He asked Heister how to request that form of payment and was told that UDC should submit a request to Northeast Regional Director Gay Vietzke. A motion by Henry, seconded by Barth, to send a letter inquiring about advance funding to Vietzke, was carried.

New Business:

DRAFT Letter: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Funding of the Upper Delaware Council: This draft letter requesting Pennsylvania state funding for UDC operating expenses was included in the meeting packet. and previously distributed. A motion by Dexter, seconded by Roeder, to send this letter to Governor Wolf was carried unanimously.

DRAFT Letter: New York State Funding of the Upper Delaware Council: This draft letter requesting New York State funding for UDC operating expenses was included in the meeting packet and previously distributed. A motion by Rajs, seconded by Peckham, to send this letter to Governor Cuomo was carried unanimously.

Sullivan County Legislature Request for Emergency River Access at Pond Eddy: A copy of the July 19 letter from the Sullivan County Legislature to George Roberts, District Executive of PennDOT District 4-0, was included in the meeting packet. Rajs said subsequent communications had suggested that leaving the temporary access road on the NY side being utilized for construction of the new bridge is not feasible, due to issues with the slope and turning radius. The county owns adjacent property in the Town of Lumberland that is under consideration for the purpose of gated emergency river access by the Lumberland Volunteer Fire Department now. A motion by Rajs, seconded by Henry, to request an explanation by PennDOT for their determination was carried unanimously.

Other: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion by Rajs, seconded by Roeder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. was carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Linda Drollinger 08-09-18