

UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2018

The Upper Delaware Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the Council office in Narrowsburg, NY. Chairperson Aaron Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

In attendance: Town of Hancock-Fred Peckham, Town of Fremont-Jim Greier, Town of Delaware-Harold Roeder, Jr., Town of Cochection-Larry Richardson, Town of Tusten- Susan Sullivan, Town of Highland-Kaitlin Haas, Town of Deerpark-David Dean, Damascus Township-Jeff Dexter, Berlin Township-Alan Henry, Lackawaxen Township-Doug Case, Shohola Township-Aaron Robinson, State of New York-Bill Rudge, National Park Service-Kris Heister. Staff in attendance: Executive Director-Laurie Ramie, Resource Specialist-Pete Golod. Also in attendance: Ginny Dudko, Town of Deerpark Alternate; and Roger Saumure, Shohola Township Alternate. Absent: Town of Lumberland, Westfall Township, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Delaware River Basin Commission. Media: Dave Hulse, Peter Becker. Guests: Adam Bosch, Carla Hahn.

Presentation by Adam Bosch, Director of Public Affairs, New York City Department of Environmental Protection: Emergency Public Notification System Improvements: Bosch offered a Power Point presentation that started with an overview of the New York City Water Supply System, which he called a “marvel of modern engineering” in that it is the nation’s largest unfiltered water supply with 19 reservoirs and three lakes with a storage capacity of 580 billion gallons delivering more than 1 billion gallons of water each day to 9.5 million consumers, conveyed by gravity alone. The watershed is 1,969 square miles, covering parts of eight counties in New York plus a small portion of Connecticut. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) owns 29 water supply dams that form its reservoirs. Bosch described their robust dam safety and inspection program. It includes daily inspections by watershed maintainers and DEP Police, monthly inspections by supervisors, twice annual inspections by licensed engineers, video surveillance at some dams, dam safety instrumentation which feeds into an operations center open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, annual inspections by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) inspections at the Cannonsville Reservoir, and periodic assessments by consulting engineers who specialize in dams. Bosch said this program is considered a model across the state and often the entire country and the world, such as for its earthquake protocols. DEP maintains Emergency Action Plans (EAP) for all its high and medium hazard dams. Those with access to the EAPs include local elected officials, emergency management, police, fire, and others that have a formal role in emergency response. DEP hosts annual orientation and refreshers for EAP holders. The plans are regularly updated as needed. The plans outline emergency outreach procedures, inundation maps, and similar information. New engineering analyses are done on each dam every 10 years.

In an emergency situation, Bosch said that dam safety engineers activate a Condition Orange or Red, which triggers calls to contacts on the EAP Notification Flow Chart. The calls are made by Water Supply Control Center staff and DEP Police. The National Weather Service plays a critical role as the first call since they draw a polygon around the affected area and declare flash flood watches or warnings. The calls prompt state and county authorities to then trigger their emergency action and communications plans. Bosch said that there are two initiatives underway to examine and improve the speed of EAP notifications. The first is

an internal DEP effort that is focusing on all dams. The second is an external review by a consulting engineer that is just starting now specifically for the Cannonsville Reservoir due to FERC licensing requirements. The results of that review will be applied as a model to the other dams. Both efforts have the same goal of reducing time for DEP notification to emergency management agencies and first responders. There is a focus on using computer software to expedite the initial calls and mobilization. Bosch said the intention is to contact all entities on the notification chart simultaneously. They employ land-line phones, cell phones, text messaging, emails and fax. So far, the focus has been on geographic areas within a one-hour travel time of a flood wave from a catastrophic failure of the dam.

A planning meeting took place with downstream partners in October 2017, with a subsequent controlled tabletop exercise held in December. A functional exercise just took place on January 25. The worst-case scenario presented was a theoretical emergency of a 600-foot wide trapezoid of the Cannonsville Dam disappearing. The feedback received from the entities involved was that the software used to send immediate notification to all participants at the same time was quick and comprehensive, although there was a problem connecting with fax machines that is being examined. The traditional call-out list was also used for comparison.

The external analysis being done at the Cannonsville Reservoir by Schnabel Engineering started in late February, with the consultants meeting with the NYC DEP Bureau of Water Supply to define the scope and schedule of work. Their review is targeted for completion by the end of City Year 2018. The best management practice suggestions they develop will be spread across the whole system to inform improvements. Bosch concluded that phase of his presentation by saying that ultimately, "County and state agencies reserve the responsibility for reaching out to their citizens in the case of an emergency at a DEP facility."

Peckham questioned whether NYC DEP is absolving its responsibilities by only contacting county emergency managers. He felt there should be an immediate method of contacting the populace that is affected by an emergency. He recalled the July 2015 incident with the Cannonsville Dam where there was concern over a turbid discharge following a drilling accident and he, as a Hancock resident within the potential inundation zone, did not find out about it for days. Bosch pointed out that incident did not rise to the level of a declared emergency and said that DEP's position is to rely on the local experts in emergency management to fulfill their roles with their intimate knowledge of the communities they serve.

Bosch proceeded to provide an update on the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel. This is the largest and most complex repair project in the 176-year history of New York City's upland water supply. It will cost \$1.5 billion to rehabilitate the 100-year-old Catskill Aqueduct, fix or eliminate leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct, and build a new 2-1/2 mile long tunnel 600 feet below the Hudson River. The project is expected to be completed in 2023. He displayed maps, historic and current photos, described the machinery, and provided dimensions. He spoke of activity at the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel and described the status of the "bypass surgery" currently being done on the Delaware Aqueduct. He said he was proud to say that the 14-foot diameter bypass tunnel with a 9,200-foot steel liner was designed in-house by DEP personnel. In 2022, they will shut down the existing tunnel, connect to the structurally sound section, and abandon the leaking part. There will now be two bends in the tunnel, which will take 20 months to drill. The shafts were completed in March 2017. Perhaps the biggest challenge for this repair project was: where New York City would get its water during the shutdown of the Delaware Aqueduct? Bosch detailed the water supply augmentation plans, and said that a reason why the system leaks were not pursued sooner was that they felt it would require a shutdown of 3-4 years and they didn't have enough carrying capacity. Now water demand in New York City has actually decreased as a result of metering, more efficient fixtures, and a change in consumption habits. Bosch said that part of the rehabilitation of the Catskill Aqueduct will be removing biofilm, which is a filamentous bacterium which attaches to naturally occurring iron and manganese and creates friction that slows down the flow of water. While the historical capacity of the Catskill Aqueduct is 660 million gallons per day, the capacity has been reduced to approximately 590 mgd due to the biofilm.

Lastly, Bosch reported that NYC DEP is facing a personnel issue in that 46% of its employees are eligible to retire by 2026. This presents job opportunities in numerous diverse fields, including water scientists, police officers, meteorologists, foresters, instrumentation specialist, biologists, groundskeepers, engineers, purchasing experts, administrative assistants, sewer plant operators, truck drivers, planners, land stewards, lawyers, and communication experts. Paid summer internships are also available. For more information, Bosch encouraged people to visit the Careers tab on the DEP website at www.nyc.gov/dep or follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwatershed.

In a question and answer session, Dexter said he did not see Wayne County Emergency Management represented on the slide which listed participants in the EAP tabletop exercise. Bosch said that may have been an oversight and he will check. Golod asked how far the Rondout/West Branch tunnel is from the existing tunnel and what will happen to the old section. Bosch replied that it is 1,500 feet away and the old section will be plugged with concrete. Greier asked if Bosch had any literature about these subjects that representatives could take back to their municipal boards. Bosch said he will provide the UDC with a copy of his Power Point presentation. Reporter Dave Hulse asked what the message that goes out in an emergency notification system consists of for instantaneous delivery. Bosch said they have scripts for various emergencies. They are designed to be of short duration so that calls can be made as quickly as possible. Hulse asked, since NYC DEP is aware of the inundation areas, are they able to tailor where the messages are being sent? Bosch said no; that's where the county emergency managers come in. They would direct people where to go. Robinson asked whether the old Aqueduct section could be repurposed for some use. Bosch said that would be too costly, conduits can only run perpendicularly and eventually water will come into the abandoned section. Saumure clarified that when NYC DEP detects a problem, they will let the counties know. Bosch said DEP tells them to activate their emergency plans. The steps are that 1) DEP detects a suspected issue; 2) A dam safety engineer goes to the site to confirm; 3) They report back to the Water Supply Control Center; 4) The emergency declaration is put out to all contacts in the plan; and 5) County emergency management agencies know what to do and take it from there. Saumure asked if NYC DEP is aware that the communications infrastructure is often lacking in the Upper Delaware River Valley. Bosch said they do know there is spotty cellular service. He understands that is a rationale for the idea of sirens being raised as a supplemental notification method. "There has been broad disagreement over whether sirens are the way to go," Bosch said, but added they will await the recommendations from the notification system review. Dean said that two fire departments in the Town of Deerpark had successfully refurbished their sirens for river emergency usage. Bosch said they are testing telephone capacity as part of this evaluation. Saumure said, "There's a big difference between plans and capabilities." Bosch suggested that if anyone has concerns whether their county emergency managers are prepared to deal with these issues, "Hold them accountable, like you are me." He thanked the Council for inviting him to speak. Robinson presented him with a UDC lapel pin in appreciation for his presentation.

Approval of February 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes: A motion by Peckham seconded by Greier to approve the Feb. 1 meeting minutes was carried unanimously.

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

Committee Reports: Highlights were provided from the Feb. 20 Water Use/Resource Management Committee meeting by Peckham, the Feb. 27 Project Review Committee meeting by Richardson, and the Feb. 27 Operations Committee meeting by Robinson. Ramie thanked Richardson for drafting a report without the benefit of minutes to consult since that meeting had occurred two nights ago and those minutes are pending. As a follow-up to the Operations Committee report, Robinson said that he would again like to thank NPS Upper Delaware Superintendent Kris Heister and Congressman John Faso for their effective advocacy to get the UDC's federal funding access reinstated. Ramie referenced the mention in the Operations report to a new Council and committee meeting attendance and travel tracking system that would be implemented at this meeting, and passed around the log form for all representatives and alternates present to initial next to their names. She said that the bookkeeper has the round-trip mileage figures from/to home and the UDC office on file so that section would only need to be completed if that distance differed. She also followed up with an Operations report in which Richardson had asked whether the

Council had received a letter from the Town of Cohecton supporting the UDC's funding request to the New York State DEC by stating that Supervisor Gary Maas had hand-delivered those letters addressed to Senator Bonacic, Assemblywoman Gunther, and Assemblyman Crouch today, and she will forward them as intended.

Status Reports

Delaware River Basin Commission: A hydrologic report provided in the meeting packets showed that the reservoirs are at a combined storage of 95.3% capacity. The normal total storage as of Feb. 28 is 87.3%.

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation: Rudge referred to the press releases provided in the packets. The first, titled "DEC Announces Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale at Saratoga Tree Nursery" is dated March 6. The second, titled "Governor Cuomo Kicks Off First Harmful Algal Blooms Summit in the Hudson Valley", is dated Feb. 27. Rudge said that the tree and shrub sale is a great program with a good variety of inexpensive seedlings available to New York State residents. He said there has been a dramatic increase in algal blooms and Gov. Cuomo has convened working groups to combat it as part of a \$65 million initiative that was introduced in the 2018 State of the State address. Algal blooms threaten drinking water quality and the recreational use of lakes essential to upstate tourism. Lessons learned from studying 12 priority lakes will be applied to water bodies across the state. The first summit was on Feb. 27 in New Paltz. Peckham asked whether the algal blooms have affected the New York City watershed. Rudge said yes, one of three lakes in Putnam County affected is a tributary. Dean asked what the timeframe is for this project. Rudge replied one year has been established to develop recommendations. There won't be any silver bullet solution to every situation. Richardson said that Lake Huntington in the Town of Cohecton has a serious problem with algal blooms. They have formed a lake owners' association to deal with it. He has shared this information on the state initiative. Sullivan said that Rudge had suggested that the UDC go through our state elected officials to seek funding. She believes we need to follow up with those representatives regularly. Rudge said that the new budget is due by April 1. Strategically, right now is the time to act. Sullivan said we can't let it go. There is nothing like a personal call if anyone knows these officials. She reached out to Assemblywoman Gunther. She proposed that the UDC write another letter to the DEC Commissioner which also mentions the number of NY member towns that have supported the UDC's funding request. Peckham said that the *Hancock Herald* did an in-depth article on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) recently. It concerned the treatment of firewood. Rudge said that New York State is working with the federal government to end the quarantine on firewood importation. "We're giving up" because it's not accomplishing the goal, he said. They have had the first discovery of EAB in Vermont. The price for ash trees has gone up considerably. Peckham said that there are only five counties in the world where they grow a high enough quality of ash to manufacture baseball bats. That includes Delaware County and they are desperately trying to hang on to their ash trees. Rudge said there will likely always be a resident population of the Emerald Ash Borer. They see no end to it. A lot of predators are learning to prey on this insect though, such as woodpeckers. He is optimistic that the environment will take care of it. Golod said that Wayne and Pike Counties have had official sitings of EAB. Sullivan asked Rudge about the status of the DEC's budget. Rudge replied that they are still under a hiring freeze. A motion by Greier to send a follow-up letter to NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos regarding the Upper Delaware Council's \$50,000 project funding request was seconded by Sullivan and carried, with one abstention from Rudge.

PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources: No report in the absence of Representative Tim Dugan.

National Park Service-Upper Delaware: Heister offered highlights from the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River's Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report, which had a theme of "Doing More With Less". In total, the NPS obligated \$55,135 for Law Enforcement but only \$46,635 was spent with \$8,500 being returned to the Treasury. These funds supported 1,142 personnel hours in local law enforcement agencies and resulted in 2,472 visitor contacts. As a result of law enforcement contacts, 549 verbal warnings were issued, 128 citations were written, 10 arrests were made, and 49 assists reported. The National Canoe Safety Patrol (NCSP) donated 4,840 hours patrolling on the river and promoting water safety. During the summer of 2017, a total of 4,265 visitor contacts were made by NCSP. They were involved in over 200

river rescues and over 100 incidents where boats turned over. Excluding the NCSP, a total of 355 volunteers donated 14,023 hours of service to the community and NPS in FY 17, including 65 youth volunteers, representing \$338,515 in donated services. Over 2,500 volunteer hours were donated by local youth representing Damascus and Hawley, PA, and Barryville, Fosterdale, Highland Lake, and Narrowsburg, NY. Through the Adopt-an-Access program, the Darbytown and Narrowsburg Accesses were adopted by the Callicoon 4-H group. This group held three access clean-up events for a total of 80 volunteer hours contributed to the park. The Buckingham Access was adopted by the new Shehawken Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Callicoon Access was adopted by the Upper Delaware Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Heister also offered highlights from the Upper Delaware's Fiscal Year 2018 Work Plan, which she said follows the same theme of "Doing More With Less". She said the efforts they have put into developing project statements that compete for non-park NPS funding have paid off in a great way. Projects successfully funded this year total \$1,513,641 over a 1-3 year period. Funded projects include: 1. \$841,000 to convert the Zane Grey Museum into a more traditional visitor center that is handicap accessible and the Zane Grey garage into an accessible bathroom; 2. \$120,000 to complete a Historic Structures Report for the Corwin Farm; 3. \$55,000 to complete a National Register nomination for D&H Canal resources on NPS properties; 4. \$149,850 to catalog, re-house, and create finding aids for the records related to the park's establishment, administration, and natural and cultural resources; 5. \$33,000 to complete a new, long-range interpretive plan and look at ways to connect resources and stories in the Lackawaxen area; 6. \$66,000 to implement a study to evaluate American eels in the Delaware River with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 7. \$176,000 to evaluate the presence and potential impacts of microplastics in the Delaware River with the U.S. Geological Survey; and 8. \$72,791 to continue a project first funded in 2015 to evaluate the best methods to assess shad populations in the Delaware River. Heister said all of these projects are great for NPS and for the river. Dean asked about the history of visitation at the Zane Grey Museum. Heister said they have and can share those numbers but, from her perspective, it's not much. It made sense to convert the museum to attract more use. They will keep a section of the museum intact but the rest of the space will focus on a more traditional visitor center. Peckham asked if NPS will tell "the true story" of the Upper Delaware's establishment. Dean asked if they are counting on an increase in visitation. Heister said yes. It is estimated to open in 2021. Another feature will be WIFI capabilities. The displays on Zane Grey, such as his dental practice, will be loaned out to other museums so they can interpret these artifacts. Sullivan asked whether NPS will provide updates as this visitor center is being developed, especially considering that the museum does have visitors now. Heister said yes. Sullivan asked how NPS was able to leverage \$1.5 million in these project funds. Heister replied she had put a giant emphasis on writing good project statements that would hold up under competition. She had served on a review panel last year to see what worked best and talked to people. Basically, she said that they made a real effort; otherwise, how will anything get done?

UDC Executive Director's Report: Ramie reported that the Personnel Subcommittee had met at 6 p.m. prior to this meeting to conduct three preliminary interviews for the Secretary position. They will meet with additional candidates who were recommended through the pre-screening process.

Ramie explained that the recommendation to implement the Member Meeting attendance and travel tracking system came from the NPS Northeast Region for documentation purposes of these UDC expenses. As a follow-up to a question that had been raised at the Operations Committee meeting this month, the answer to why 1099-MISC forms for miscellaneous income were not provided to representatives and alternates for their 2017 taxes was that the \$600 income threshold was not met since this program began with the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2017.

Ramie reiterated Richardson's report mention that, at the next Project Review Committee meeting on March 27, they will discuss the procedure and verbiage to add definitions from the Renewable Energy position paper regarding utility-scale solar into the Land and Water Use Guidelines through a River Management Plan minor amendment. Given that this would require a unanimous vote for approval, it's

suggested that non-committee members attend on the 27th to gain an understanding, discuss concerns, and get information to take back to their towns and townships.

Regarding the Delaware River Basin Commission, Ramie said that she discovered from Steve Tambini and Peter Eshback at last month's UDC meeting that Communications Manager Clarke Rupert will be retiring as of April 1. She noted that Rupert has attended his share of UDC meetings over the years.

The National Parks Conservation Association is conducting an Upper Delaware Community Economic Survey for which Ramie reported that she had forwarded a link to the UDC membership. Responses are due by March 16. The study addresses factors that might affect long-term economic prosperity and the area's ability to maintain its rural quality of life. One aspect is how "traditional" industries like agriculture, quarrying, timber, and tourism can be a part of the future of this area. Robinson commented that he had completed the survey, which took around 30 minutes in order to fill out the input boxes. He found it to be well-organized and objective. He asked people to please fill it out.

Lastly, Ramie referenced the March Calendar of Meetings, Activities and Deadlines in the packets. She noted that the Spring/Summer issue of "The Upper Delaware" newsletter is due to the printer by March 14. The UDC has extended an invitation for a keynote speaker which she hopes to receive confirmation by in time for an article in the newsletter. March 16 is the deadline for people to submit nominations for the awards that will be presented on April 22 at the Central House Family Resort. A copy of the nomination form is in the handouts. The slate of honorees will be announced by the end of this month. She continued that March 23 is the expiration of the fifth Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018 under which many departments of the federal government are operating, including the Department of the Interior/National Park Service. Technical Assistance Grant Mid-Term Progress Reports are due from the Town of Tusten and Damascus Township by March 27. She reminded everyone that March 30 is the deadline to submit public comments through the online system for the proposed natural gas regulations, which the UDC has already done at its last meeting. Peckham commented that the online portal system was easy to use.

Old Business: Heister asked Hahn to report on the status of the NPS search for a Community Planner. Hahn referenced a copy of an Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River news release announcing that Jennifer Z. Claster has been appointed to the position of "Community and Land Use Planner". She will begin her assignment on April 29. Claster will provide professional planning, technical, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and compliance assistance to NPS management and the Upper Delaware community in assuring that land use issues and growth within the river corridor fulfill the intent of Congress when it established the park. Hahn said that after she gets oriented to the job, Claster will provide valuable help to the Project Review team of Golod and herself because she has 15 years of experience as a professional planner. The Reading, PA native who attended Bard College in NY and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst will learn the relevant laws in NY and PA and help interpret them to determine compliance with the Land and Water Use Guidelines and River Management Plan. Roeder asked whether this fills a vacant position. Heister said no; it is brand new. Greier asked whether it was within the Upper Delaware's budget, which Heister affirmed it was.

New Business:

Draft Letter to Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources: Commonwealth of PA Funding of the Upper Delaware Council: Ramie stated that this was a follow-up to PA Representative Tim Dugan's suggestion to approach seeking Pennsylvania operational funding of the Council through a line item in the DCNR budget. Previous letters have been directed to the governor. A motion to send the letter was made by Peckham, seconded by Roeder and carried unanimously. Ramie said she will also prepare a sample letter or resolution of support for consideration by the UDC PA member townships.

Other: Robinson said he had read an editorial that Town of Highland Alternate Debra Conway had written during the UDC's funding crisis. She made a clear point that without the UDC, towns and townships would

be dealing directly with the NPS. That oversight wouldn't go away if there was no UDC. Conway expressed concerns that some have different views on private property rights and business development. Robinson said he feels that this group offers a balance of perspectives. He has also heard frustration expressed about the River Management Plan (RMP), the UDC, and the NPS. As we talk about solar and renewable energies, Robinson said he would like to find out if there are other issues that towns and townships think need changing to keep the RMP current. He would like representatives to go back to their supervisors or planning boards and ask them to identify any areas of concern. Ask them to consult the Land and Water Use Guidelines, which read like a zoning ordinance, and bring back "the good, bad, or ugly". Robinson said we have a chance to chart our own destiny with the NPS. This could be a very beneficial relationship. It doesn't have to be adversarial. It's a two-way street and a manageable relationship that could do us all good.

As Personnel Subcommittee chairperson, Henry proposed setting the next round of Secretary interviews on March 5 at 9 a.m. Subcommittee members agreed and asked Ramie to check with the candidates on their availability.

Greier addressed Robinson's mention of private property rights. Greier said he left the Feb. 1 meeting feeling very disappointed because he feels this Council is not doing its job regarding private property rights. He belongs to the Sullivan County Farm Bureau which, at its last meeting, set policies for 2018. They support drilling for natural gas in the New York City watershed and oppose taking private property rights without just compensation. These American landowners and taxpayers fund every one of our paychecks yet we don't give them a fair shake here, Greier suggested. He was ashamed over the UDC's reaction to the DRBC natural gas regulations. Robinson said as a person who has experienced having property taken from him unwillingly, he understands what Greier is saying. We all come from diverse backgrounds and our goals are not necessarily the same. The vast majority of wild land is supported by good stewards. Most need to offset the overhead with some kind of revenue. Greier said the UDC representatives don't come out to speak for their towns. Sullivan said she disagrees with that. She is in complete communication with her town. She tells them exactly what she intends to say and how she'll vote for their agreement because her role is to represent the town's interests. Robinson said he doesn't foresee large landowners being able to participate in these dialogues because they're too busy with their own pursuits. Peckham said his ancestors have lived off the resources of the land. Taxes keep going up. They agreed to give up certain rights by cutting the best deal they could after the Tock's Island experience when the River Management Plan was developed. His position on the UDC's natural gas regulations letter was that, as long as there is no objection to drilling which takes place outside the corridor, he has no problem with that. It's about mineral rights. He voted yes on the UDC's position because his property could still be accessed from underneath. Richardson said he disagrees with Greier's assertion as well. He has been on the UDC since 1989. He offers a written and oral report to the town board every month. He said we hear about zoning over and over. In New York State, when towns pass zoning, there is a whole procedure with public input before the board decides whether it's appropriate for the community. It doesn't get passed in a vacuum. Greier said he's talking about the value of property and being compensated for it if rights are taken away. Golod commented that as the UDC Resource Specialist, he has observed a slight disconnect between representatives and their municipalities. Many building inspectors and code enforcement officers don't know anything about the RMP or Guidelines. Representatives should be sharing that information. They will hold workshops once the revised Project Review Guide is ready but there needs to be more communication in the meantime. Hahn said she has found that she spends a lot of time educating people. She feels there is a need in the UDC for more orientation about what's in the RMP, Guidelines, and how the project review process works. That is especially true when new members come on the Council. Robinson reiterated that he is asking representatives to go back and ask how their towns and townships perceive the RMP. Richardson said that the Resource Specialist should be visiting every planning board in the river valley at least once a year. That is in the work plan and needs to resume. Hahn said those visits are supposed to be done jointly with the NPS. Dudko said she is concerned that the history of this organization will be lost if we don't convey what we know. Dean pointed out the handout in the packet on Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River acreage estimates, which is broken down by municipality and provides the percentage of each town and township that is in the designated corridor. He said there are

hugely different numbers, with some representing a “miniscule” amount like 2% like Deerpark. That doesn’t make it any less important, particularly since the Town of Deerpark includes the iconic Hawk’s Nest area. Everyone should look over this chart and realize just how much land is in the corridor. Roeder joked that maybe we should consider weighted voting.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion by Roeder, seconded by Case, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. was carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Ramie, 3/7/18