

## **Mission Statement – Town of Lewisboro - Lakes Committee**

### Authorization:

The Town of Lewisboro hereby creates a committee hereinafter known as the Town of Lewisboro Lakes Committee.

### Membership:

The Lakes Committee shall consist of at least seven members (7), one representing each lake in Town, and no more than fourteen members (14), with two members representing each lake. Said members shall serve without compensation and may from time to time be encouraged to complete training, and continuing education programs, which properly further the function of the Lakes Committee. No person who is a member of the Town Board shall be eligible for membership on the Lakes Committee

### Terms:

The terms of those members originally appointed shall be for a period of five (5) years and if any member chooses to resign then another member may be appointed to fulfill the balance of the unexpired term. Any additional members may be added, up to fourteen (14) members, as indicated above at the request of the Lakes Committee and the appointment by the Town Board, for a period beginning at the date of appointment and expiring at the same time as all original appointed members.

### Chairperson:

The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Town Board. All meetings of the Lakes Committee shall be held at the call of the Chairperson and at such other times as the Committee may determine. Such Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee unless absent, in which event the Committee shall choose a member to preside at said meeting.

### Meetings:

Meetings shall be conducted on a regular basis and open to the public. Notice of the time, place, and location of such meetings shall be duly published in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. A simple majority of the current members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and be necessary to transact business, vote, and make any recommendations to the Town Board for necessary actions. Minutes of the meeting shall be kept and maintained by the Committee.

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Lewisboro Lakes Committee is to support the Town Board's stewardship of the health and quality of the lakes in Lewisboro, particularly through the comprehensive study of the lakes in Lewisboro and in the administration and oversight of the funding obtained by the Town from the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund and the funding obtained

through the Water Quality Planning and Implementation Grants for Communities in the NYC Watershed program.

Function:

Activities of the Lakes Committee are expected to include:

Recommending and prioritizing storm water management and other projects which can help the lakes and thus the related downstream NY reservoirs of which the lakes are part of the watershed.

Assisting the Town in securing and administering grants provided by the Town, County, State, Federal or other sources which have been provided for projects or activities directly related to storm water management and the health of the lakes.

Providing education to the residents of the Town, the Town Board, Town Highway Department, and other town committees or Boards relative to improving and protecting the lakes.

Researching “best lake management and protection practices” and providing this information to the residents of the Town, the Town Board, Town Highway Department and other town committees or Boards.

Managing chosen projects including providing the Town with the documentation needed to assist the Town with the financial and reporting commitments required for implementation and periodic updates to ensure that all concerned are apprised of progress with respect to the East of Hudson funding and Water Quality Planning and Implementation funding.