

Newtown Creek Steering Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET

**Attendees**

Leah Archibald  
Lisa Bloodgood  
Christine Holowacz  
Kelly MacDonald  
Paul Pullo  
Mitch Waxman

**1. Skype Interviews for Facilitator Selection**

- The Steering Committee discussed their frustrations at the prospect of Skype interviews rather than in-person interviews for the facilitator position and are considering following up with EPA to see if in-person interviews are possible.
- Several Steering Committee members did not feel equipped to judge candidates and are happy to leave this to a select few committee members (including Willis Elkins, Lisa Bloodgood and Mike Schade).
- Committee members interested in participating in the selection process will fill out a Doodle poll to indicate their availability for Skype meetings with candidates.

**2. Dredging Depth**

- The Steering Committee discussed the importance of advocating for an appropriate dredging depth for Newtown Creek during the remedy selection process. Newtown Creek has not been dredged in years. As a result, barges cannot be filled to capacity. The Committee wants to ensure an appropriate dredging depth to allow for the optimal commercial use of the creek.

**3. Elected Official and Federal Agency Outreach**

- The Committee discussed involving federal agencies besides EPA, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and elected officials, including Senator Gillibrand and Senator Schumer as well as members of the House of Representatives whose districts border the creek, in CAG meetings.

**4. Upcoming General CAG Meeting (3/20/18)**

- The meeting location has not been set yet. Willis is following up to secure a location.
- Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez's office may present on her Superfund legislation proposal.
- The Committee noted that EPA has requested more specific questions to address as part of EPA staff preparations for CAG meetings. Committee members will follow up with Willis next week to prepare questions in advance of the meeting.