

Annual Meeting Minutes
of
The Federated Conservationists of Westchester County
June 17, 2026

The following Directors were present at the Annual Meeting of The Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (“FCWC”) held Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in The Pavilion at Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers, NY: Carole Griffiths, Vice President; Steven Levy, Vice President; Robert Carroll, Secretary; Carol Durst-Wertheim; Michael Inglis; Jason Klein; Joan Kuhn; Rand Manasse; Anjali Sauthoff and Nortrud Spero. Congressman George Latimer also attended the meeting.

The following Directors did not attend: Jan Blaire; John Cotter; Juliesa McFarland; Larry O’Connell and Achinthe Vithanage.

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Steven Levy called the meeting to order and declared that, as per the FCWC By-laws, a quorum of the FCWC members was present. He welcomed FCWC members and friends to the Pavilion at Tibbetts Brook Park. He then reviewed FCWC’s activities for the past year.

II. Election of Directors and Officers

Steven Levy next introduced Robert Carroll, of the FCWC Nominating Committee, who explained that the FCWC members were being asked to vote for the election of the following class of 2029 Directors: Carole Griffiths, Joan Kuhn, Nortrud Spero, John Cotter, and Juliesa McFarlane.

Robert Carroll asked to dispense with paper ballots with a vote by acclamation.. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded by Jason Klein, The following resolution was unanimously approved by the FCWC members present at the meeting.

[Election of Directors]

RESOLVED, that each or the following be and hereby are elected as Directors of the FCWC Board, each to serve until the 2029 Annual Meeting or until a successor shall be duly elected: Carole Griffiths, Joan Kuhn, Nortrud Spero, John Cotter, and Juliesa McFarlane

RC then read the slate of officers to be elected by the Directors for the coming year, to wit: Carole Griffiths, Co-President; Larry O'Connell, Co-President; Steven Levy, Vice President; John Cotter, Treasurer; and Robert Carroll, Secretary.

RC asked to dispense with paper ballots and vote by acclamation. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded by JK, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Directors.

[Election of Officers]

RESOLVED, that each of the following be and hereby are elected as Officers of the FCWC Board, each to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting or until a successor shall be duly elected: Carole Griffiths, Co-President; Larry O'Connell, Co-President; Steven Levy, Vice President; John Cotter, Treasurer; and Robert Carroll, Secretary.

RC concluded the Director and Officer elections by acknowledging outgoing Board Member and Co-President Rand Manasse's service.

II. Green Seal and Edith G. Read Award Presentations

Following the Picnic Supper, SL introduced the members of the Yonkers EnviroEARTH Club who each received a copy of the Edith G. Read Student Sustainability Leadership Award, and a joint proclamation from Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senator Shelley Mayer. SL thanked the Chief of Staff for NYS Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for his proclamation.

Anjali Sauthoff then introduced Patty Buchanan, representing Croton 100, who received the Green Seal Award for Outstanding Leadership. Ms. Buchanan reviewed the recent achievements of Croton 100.

IV. Closing Remarks

CG next thanked the Yonkers EnviroEARTH Club members and expressed appreciation for the efforts of NYS Assemblyman Nader Sayegh's Chief of Staff. There being no further business and upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Carroll, Secretary FCWC