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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 5:00 P.M.  
MANHATTAN WOODS GOLF CLUB  
WEST NYACK, NY**

**Present:**

Raja R. Amar  
Harriet D. Cornell \*  
Stephen Coyle  
Jan Degenshein \*  
Vincent L. DeLucia  
Sandra D. Grannum  
William F. Helmer  
Judith Hershaft  
Jack F. Holt  
Arlene Lapidos

William Longhi  
Mary Jean Marsico \*  
Bruce W. Mason  
Malcolm G. McLaren  
Donald T. McNelis  
Philip A. Patterson  
A. Jon Prusmack  
Thomas Rau  
Marian Rokeach  
Mark D. Rothenberg

Chuck Schneider  
Robert E. Seaman, III  
Serge Seguin  
Burt Steinberg \* \*\*  
James B. Tully  
Hon. C. Scott Vanderhoef \*  
Quinton C. Van Wynen  
Cliff L. Wood  
Alan Yassky \*\*  
Steven M. Yassky

**Absent:**

Karim A. Abood \*\*  
Karyl Caplan  
Eric Dranoff \*  
Rafael Espailat

Jonathan Kupperman  
Hector A. May  
Paula Mandell  
John A. Maraia, Jr. \*

Clement Osei  
Sr. Kathleen Sullivan  
Aimee Vargas \*  
Jeffrey M. Zupan

**Staff:**

Liz Cranston, Pauline Drakopoulos, Ronald Hicks, Jayne Nichols, Steven Porath

\* Denotes Ex-Officio Directors

\*\* Denotes Director Emeritus

The regular meeting of the REDC Board of Directors was called to order by Steven Yassky, Chairman at 6:15 p.m. and a quorum was present.

► **Motion:** A Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2011 meeting. Motion by William Helmer and seconded by Burt Steinberg. Motion passed unanimously.

► **Motion:** A Motion to pass a resolution to support United Water’s proposed desalination plant in Haverstraw. Motion by William Helmer and seconded by Mark Rothenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

**President’s Report**

Ron Hicks reported that REDC’s 2012 Budget will be cut by 7% rather than 17%, as originally purposed. With controlled spending, the organization’s financial position will be sustainable and operate as is.

## **Committee Reports**

**Public Policy Committee** – Robert Seaman discussed the water supply project in Haverstraw, explaining that the project is anticipated to take up to five years to complete and will create approximately 252 jobs. He asked that those interested in showing support for the project to submit letters directly to United Water. William Helmer commented that Rockland County has adequate water supplies to support the needs of new business attraction. The Board passed the following resolution: REDC recognizes the importance of a safe and clean water supply to the community and economy and further recognizes the positive economic impact of United Water’s proposed desalination plant in Haverstraw.

## **New Business**

- Chairman Steven Yassky presented a plaque to Arlene Lapidos and thanked her for her 16 years of service on the REDC Board. Arlene is resigning effective December 31, 2011.
- Chairman Steven Yassky presented a plaque to Ronald Hicks and thanked him for his outstanding leadership and invaluable service as President & CEO of REDC. Ron is leaving REDC and taking a position in Dutchess County effective January 31, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.