



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
724 Wolcott Ave.
Beacon, NY 12508
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30pm**

Board Members Present

1. Bob Alpern
2. Peter Capek
3. Nancy Cincotta
4. Seth Davis
5. Mitzi Elkes
6. Allen Gutkin
7. Arthur Jones
8. Ashley Knox
9. Janine Napierkowski
10. Henry Neale
11. Cathy Page
12. Kyle Rabin
13. Robi Schlaff
14. Dr. Gregory Simpson
15. Stephen Smith
16. Donna Stein
17. Sarah Underhill

Board Members Present by Telephone

18. Jeff Domanski
19. Joan Gaylord
20. Neil Gordon
21. Jeremy Rainer
22. Don Raskopf

Board Members Absent

23. Aaron Mair

Staff Members Present

1. Hal Cohen
2. Manna Jo Greene
3. Greg Williams

Staff Members Present by Telephone

1. Erin Macchiaroli

Guests Present

1. Jeremy Baron
2. Sue Gamache
3. Betty Harkins
4. Ben Kaminsky
5. Noel Kropf
6. Tinya Seeger
7. Alan Thomas
8. Rosemary Thomas
9. Roy Volpe

Guests Present by Telephone

1. Laura Selleck

Call to Order

The meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. was called to order at 6:30PM by President, Stephen Smith.

[The Conference Call was initiated at 6:26pm. Jeff Domanski, Joan Gaylord, Neil Gordon, Jeremy Rainer and Don Raskopf were present by Telephone]



A quorum was determined to be present.

Stephen led the attendees by voice in group song, "We shall overcome".

The meeting agenda was made available online and physically on the table.

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

Stephen asked if everyone had the chance to review and approve the meeting minutes.

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: To approve the meeting minutes from Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:35pm. The **MOTION** was moved by Seth and seconded by Robi. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

[At this time, Robi requested we do introductions.]

2020 Board Initiatives & Strategic Planning Briefing

Cathy stated that 2020 board initiatives were important for us to establish early for success and initiative and goal momentum. So far, we have the following put in place most recently as well as within the last 3-4 months:

1. Board training (same day as the organization's first meeting of the calendar 2020 year, 1/21/2020)
2. Board Goal Worksheet
3. Board Manual

Board initiatives start with our organization's Officers and Executive Committee and it is important to know all board directors are supported and we encourage everyone to come to us with anything.

The Executive Committee is here to listen, help, and to lead.

We are here to help and welcome any questions or concerns. We will work together and provide guidance (along with the Planning and Governance Committee) and leadership regarding solid programs, tools to measure success and post-implementation reviews for improvement. 2020 is an important year.

As determined in a prior Executive Committee meeting, strategic planning will be started and developed through two committees: Planning and Governance and the Executive Committee.

These two committees will work collaboratively, utilizing skill sets of board members who have done prior strategic planning at the executive level (officer or otherwise). Directors were asked that anyone with such a skill set should let us know if they would like to participate. A meeting will be setup to start the process and a general update will be provided at the next board meeting. **[ACTION ITEM]**



Our business model will be considered as part of this planning.

Our committees are designed to work in partnership to carry out what is defined as Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's strategic goals and initiatives. All of the included base board initiatives listed above as well as newly created initiatives will coincide with our strategic plan. Planning and Governance will propose suggestions and provide guidance for the board as a whole in this capacity.

Cathy agreed to circulate the Committee Chart for review and finalize to allow us to begin the work.
[ACTION ITEM]

Each committee chair is asked to submit their purpose, description and conduct an initial meeting for 2020. **[ACTION ITEM]**

The board retreat meeting minutes will be circulated via the drive and in email (if necessary)
[ACTION ITEM]

Resolution:

Stephen read the resolution for ratification as follows:

Ulster County Savings Bank Credit Line Conversion to Loan

This was previously approved by the Executive Committee on December 23, 2019 because it had to be executed by the end of the year, according to our terms. The following is the resolution as written for ratification:

RESOLVED, that the corporation execute and deliver to ULSTER SAVINGS BANK or to any other person or corporation a Note not to exceed the sum of **\$50,000.00**,

That said Note be in such form and contain such interest rate or rates, time or payment, including installment payments, and such other terms, provisions, conditions, stipulations and agreements as the officer of the corporation executing the same may deem proper and advisable; and that **Stephen Smith, President of the Corporation**, is authorized to execute and deliver such note and other instruments as he may deem proper and advisable and to affix seal of the corporation thereto.

Neither the certificate of incorporation nor the by-laws contain any special requirement as to the number of directors required to pass such resolution.

This certificate is made and delivered in order to induce the lender referred to in the foregoing resolution to make the loan.

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: to approve this resolution as stated above on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:50pm, The **MOTION** was moved by Seth and was seconded by Robi. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.



Resolution:

The following is the resolution as written for ratification:

Remove Aleythea Dolstad as a signer on Clearwater's Ulster County Savings Bank "Boat Account", which ends in 7508, effective immediately.

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: To authorize the appropriate officer of the organization to execute any forms to remove Aleythea Dolstad as a signer on Clearwater's Ulster County Savings Bank "Boat Account", which ends in 7508, effective immediately, on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:52pm. The **MOTION** was moved by Seth and was seconded by Gregory. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Executive Director Report

Greg began with reviewing items for discussion: program updates, audit results, current financial situation and proposed interim budget.

Audit and Financial Report

Fiscal Year financial reports are expected Wednesday, January 22, 2020. **[ACTION ITEM]**

Draft Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Audit and 990 expected Friday, January 24, 2020. **[ACTION ITEM]**

December 2019 Financial Reports Expected Monday, January 27, 2020. **[ACTION ITEM]**

Accounts Payable as of January 24, 2020 include total payables of \$201,348.00

A festival only accounting report was requested by Peter. Greg stated that we have provided that before but will do his best to provide one again for review, if it isn't located on prior distribution **[ACTION ITEM]**

We can now forecast meeting our payroll into late March 2020.

The Development department will compile a report (last year vs. this year, amount from advanced festival sales as well) to be presented at the February 19, 2020 board meeting. A breakdown of where the revenue comes from would be helpful (Boat Bucks, Ambassador, etc.) **[ACTION ITEM]**

A request for 2018 vs. 2019 comparative report was made and Greg stated that could be compiled earlier than February. **[ACTION ITEM]**



Annual Budget Review

The annual budget for 2020 to be submitted in our February 19, 2020 board meeting but available for review by the finance committee by February 7, 2020.

Annual departmental budgets are mostly complete. Extra planning is needed for Fall Sloop Maintenance including planning for cash to pay bills in advance of reimbursement of grants.

The end of the sailing season is projected to be moved to the end of September due to required maintenance.

Month-to-Month budgeting is needed to support Clearwater's cash flow projections.

Environmental Action Report

Manna Jo Greene presented her **Environmental Action Report**. [\[See Addendum A\]](#)

Festival 2020

We have several things to consider regarding this year's festival.

Decisions that need to be made in a timely fashion:

1. Whether to rent our entire Croton Point Park land allotment before the next board meeting.
 - a. **This requires Clearwater to raise between \$50,000 and \$330,000 before the date below.**
 - b. **Deadline: February 18, 2020** (Latest) **[ACTION ITEM]**
2. If we don't rent the whole park, we have the southern part of the park to potentially have an event (final to be determined and announced) and proceeds with a limited number of people.
3. All details and outcome depend partially on the park capacity of the southern part of the park and then on the ability to raise the funds needed to plan and execute this event.

We will release a statement based on feedback from the park regarding capacity (if we don't rent the whole park) with review from the Executive Director, the Communications Committee and the Staff. **[ACTION ITEM]**



Development Committee NYC Fundraising Event Resolution:

The following is the resolution as written for ratification:

NYC Gala

"The Executive Director is authorized to plan and execute a gala to be held in New York City in 2020, using only funds raised specifically for the gala, and making no financial commitments in excess of funds raised."

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: To authorize the executive director to begin planning a NYC Gala, Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 8:25pm, the **MOTION** as moved by Seth and was seconded by Arthur. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Report on potential collaboration between Clearwater and the Folk Society of Huntington

[See Addendum B]

New Business, Old Business and Open Action Items

No new business or old business has been offered (other than what was already on the agenda).

An open action item list and request for completion will be distributed to the board for review and resolution. [**Action Item**]

Adjournment

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: To adjourn this meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00pm. The **MOTION** was seconded by Cathy. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.



ACTION ITEMS (For Immediate Action or for completion by next scheduled meeting)

ACTION ITEM/CALL TO ACTION	PERSON/GROUP	DELIVERABLE DATE
A meeting will be setup to start the process of 2020 Board Initiatives and Strategic Planning	Planning and Governance/Executive Committee members	2/14/2020
A general update regarding 2020 Board Initiatives and Strategic Planning will be provided at the next board meeting.	Cathy Page	2/19/2020
Circulate the Committee Chart for review and finalize to allow us to begin the work	Cathy Page	1/28/2020
Each committee chair is asked to submit their purpose, description and conduct an initial meeting for 2020.	Committee Chair(s)	2/14/2020
The board retreat meeting minutes to be circulated via the drive and in email (if necessary)	Cathy Page	1/29/2020
Fiscal Year financial reports	Greg Williams	1/22/2020
Draft Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Audit and 990	Greg Williams	1/24/2020
December 2019 Financial Reports	Greg Williams	1/27/2020
Festival Only P&L Report Review & Distribution of further reporting (if needed)	Peter Capek Greg Williams	2/3/2020
Development department to compile a report (last year vs. this year, amount from advanced festival sales as well) to be presented at the February 19, 2020 board meeting. A breakdown of where the revenue comes from would be helpful (Boat Bucks, Ambassador, etc.)	James Malchow	2/17/2020
2018 vs. 2019 comparative report for revenue/donations	Greg Williams	2/3/2020
Decision to rent our entire Croton Point Park land allotment before the next board meeting.	Greg Williams	2/18/2020
Release a statement to the public (based on feedback from the park regarding capacity (if we don't rent the whole park) and other factors, with review from the Executive Director, the Communications Committee and the Staff.	Greg Williams Communications Committee Communications Staff	2/20/2020
An open action item list and request for completion will be distributed to the board for review and resolution	Cathy Page	2/3/2020

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Page, Secretary, 1/28/2020

Clearwater 2019 Environmental Action Year in Review

Ensuring Safe Decommissioning of Indian Point; Coordinating National Decommissioning Working Group



- **Congressional Briefing and Office Visits in Washington, DC:**
May 12 – May 15

Decommissioning: A New Era in the U.S. Nuclear Power

Industry: On Monday, May 13, Clearwater, NRDC, EESI and others from the National Working Group on Decommissioning hosted a well-attended briefing held in the Rayburn House Office Building that educated both returning and new Congressional representatives and their staff about the dangers associated with the vast amounts of high-level nuclear waste that is the legacy of the nuclear industry's more than 90 reactors, many of which are closing over the next decade -- and the critical need for Congressional oversight. Indian Point, scheduled to close in 2020 and 2021, has 1,750 tons of used, but highly radioactive, nuclear fuel assemblies stored on site in severely overcrowded fuel pools or in dry cask storage. The event was live-streamed and can be [viewed here](#). Clearwater was the fiscal sponsor for the \$15,000 event, which was fully covered by donations from partnering organizations and other supporters.

- [Fall Regional Nuclear Decommissioning Forum](#), held Oct. 10, 2019 at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library in Montrose. Organized by Clearwater, this event focused on decommissioning nuclear power plants. It was sponsored by NYS Senator Peter Harckham, NYS Assembly Member Sandy Galef, who offered welcoming remarks, and Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia, who moderated a panel of representatives of Nuclear Reactor Communities, including Mayor Billy McKinney from Zion, IL, Ret. Admiral Len Hering from San Infra, CA, Janet Tauro from Oyster Creek, and others — each sharing their first-hand experience with the decommissioning of closed or closing nuclear reactors. A panel of experts on nuclear waste storage and decommissioning issues followed. With Indian Point Unit-2 scheduled to close in April 2020, and Unit-3 in 2021, this timely informational meeting brought important relevant knowledge and experience to local, county, state and federal elected officials and other decision-makers. A true-game changer, this event can be seen at: www.clearwater.org/fall-2019-regional-nuclear-decommissioning-forum/
- **National Radioactive Waste Summit and Strategic Planning Meeting**, Albuquerque, NM; Nov. 8 – 10 underscored the Environmental Justice impacts of communities in TX, NM or NV.
- Clearwater has taken a leadership role by coordinating alternating biweekly **National and Regional Decommissioning Calls** with Stephen Kent of KentCom, LLC
- We also help coordinate monthly **Unity for Clean Energy (U4CE) Convergence meetings** at Stony Point Center
- Manna Jo Greene was appointed to represent the environmental community on the [Indian Point Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel \(NDCAP\)](#)
- **Citizen Oversight Board (COB) Legislation**, sponsored by NYS Senator Peter Harckham, was not acted upon in 2019. Recent meetings with Sen. Harckham and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef indicate support for a NYS Decommissioning Oversight Board (DOB) instead, which should be proposed early in 2020, and will receive widespread support.
- **Indian Point Sale to Holtec:** Clearwater is opposing License Transfer Application, and will submit comments in this regard. Riverkeeper is actively intervening.

- **Article 78 Challenge to NY Nuclear Subsidy** was denied; appeal pending. We were not granted oral arguments, as requested, and the NYS Supreme Court Judge ruled against us. *Clearwater et al* have filed a **notice of intent to appeal**, which gives us about six months to see if we can garner the legal and final resources to proceed with an appeal.
- **Decommissioning Funding: Birches Foundation:** Clearwater Development Director, James Malchow, submitted a letter of inquiry for \$50,000 to assist with the above listed projects. \$15,000 was approved and received; follow up request for the remaining \$35,000 has been submitted and is pending. Many thanks to Bob Alpern who generously supported much of this work, and to the Board and Staff members who responded to his match request.



Promoting Climate Solutions

- **Mid-Hudson Regional Renewable Energy Implementation Planning Process:** Clearwater is coordinating the Mid-Hudson Sustainability Coalition Energy Working Group to develop a **Regional Renewable Energy Implementation Plan (RREIP)** -- a roadmap to achieve the ambitious goals of NY State’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) that was passed in June and has been signed by Governor Cuomo, along with the creation of an Environmental Justice Advisory Council, just signed into law this week. We have convened a brain trust to create an implementation plan that answers the question, “How do we get from here to there in 10 years?” The process will include all key stakeholders and utilize a consensus-building process. The utilities, especially Central Hudson, and State agencies are being very supportive of this initiative. Please note: We now have a clear answer to the question of Indian Point replacement energy – without the proposed Danskammer expansion or the Williams Pipeline: 1,700 MW of offshore wind, plus 1,250 MW of transmission improvements to relieve grid bottlenecks by 2023 will more than replace the ~2,000 MW that Indian Point generates.
- **Dec. 13 Mid-Hudson Regional Renewable Energy Forum:** More than 150 elected and appointed officials and other participants and volunteers attended in person or by live-streamed video to hear 3 panels of superb speakers and moderators present what is already being done and planned to help transition to a renewable energy economy with storage and efficiency here in the Mid-Hudson Region. This was an excellent way to kick off a Mid-Hudson Regional Renewable Energy Planning Process, so that a year from now we will have a plan that defines a roadmap for achieving the goals of CLCPA in the 7-county Mid-Hudson Region. The event webpage includes the video, slides, presenter bios and other valuable information:

<https://www.clearwater.org/mid-hudson-regional-renewable-energy-forum-dec-13-2019/>

Here is a link to the follow up Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RREIP-Survey>

- **Third Annual Climate Solutions Summit:** Sept. 21 at SUNY New Paltz.
Summit website: climatesolutionssummit.org
 - Served on Steering Committee
 - Speaker on Opening Panel
 - Coordinated Storage Session

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater: Climate Solution Education

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- Electricity
- Building and Cities
- Forestry and Land Use
- Women and Girls
- Food and Farming
- Transportation
- Counting
- Multiple

New Climate Change Curriculum Underway

Community-Based Climate Justice Activities

Poster Session by Vassar Intern, Kira Peterson

Opposing Fossil Fuel Infrastructure

- **Opposing Danskammer Gas-Fired Expansion:** Coalition opposing Danskammer expansion is making great progress; Clearwater participates in weekly organizing calls. 13 municipalities, including the City of Beacon and the City of Newburgh, the Village of New Paltz and Town of New Paltz have passed resolutions opposing this foolhardy project that would burn fracked methane in an expanded facility on a flood-prone peninsula. More than 100 elected officials have signed a letter in opposition. Clearwater has party status in this case, along with many other groups. We signed on to joint comments on the Article 10 Stipulation (scoping) process drafted by Scenic Hudson, with NRDC, and Riverkeeper. The full Application has recently been filed by Danskammer Energy.
 - In coordination with Newburgh City Council members and others, a **Just Transition Forum** is planned for Feb. 2020, featuring models such as the Holyoke, MA “Coal to Sol” example, where a major coal-fired plant was transformed to a large solar with storage project without any loss of jobs.
- **GlidePath Peaker Battery Hybrid in Town of Ulster defeated;** will become a battery storage for renewables, without burning any fossil fuel. <https://townofulstercitizens.wordpress.com/glidepath-power-plant/>

Protecting the Hudson River

- **Hudson River PCB Remediation:** Clearwater continues to participate meetings of the Hudson River Citizens Advisory Group (CAG). In August 2019, the NYS Attorney General and Governor Cuomo announced they are suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for issuing a Certificate of Completion to General Electric, in spite of the need for a more robust cleanup. PCB contamination of Upper Hudson floodplains and a study of the Lower Hudson will be addressed next.
- **Coeymans Creek Research Project:** Clearwater is fiscal sponsor, working with a law firm and a science team to gather data regarding possible contamination of the Coeymans Creek and the Hudson River from nearby Coeymans Industrial Park. Awarded \$18,000 from the Rose Foundation, including \$2,000 for Clearwater in administration fees. We are overseeing a Subcontractor Agreement with Jeremy Dietrich; sampling has been completed and a report is pending.
- **Newburgh PFAS contamination:** Clearwater has been appointed to Stewart Air National Guard Base Restoration Advisory Board. [A bill phasing out PFAS, including PFOS](#), in NY has recently been passed and signed -- addressing one of our Revival petitions.
- **Storm Surge Barriers:** Army Corps NYNJHAT Study Team released its Interim Report on February 19, 2019: <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/NYNJHATS> and <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/14/nyregion/manhattan-climate-change-hurricane-sandy.html> In addition, on March 15, New York City proposed a \$10 billion U-shaped build out, the Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency (LMCR) Project. Clearwater is still planning to contact West Point engineering faculty to host a workshop on this in the Spring of 2020.
- **Catskill: Wheelabrator withdrew its application for an incinerator ash landfill** in a quarry in Catskill, due to an amazing coalition of activists stopping the project in its tracks.

2019 Revival: Youth Activists Call for Climate Action

Youth Empowerment: The Saturday Youth Activist Panel, graciously moderated by Alexandria Villasenor, and the Sunday Activist Training at Workshop Stage by Kim Frazcek and Monica Hunken of SANE Energy, were both hugely successful. 8-yr. old Anusha Vaish, an insect guardian, added to the youth activist presence at this year’s festival.



Alexandria Villasenor at weekly Climate Strike in front of the UN.

Thanks to Clearwater's Environmental Action volunteers, we collected 3,027 signatures on a total of 8 petitions at the 2019 Revival! Many have already come to pass, demonstrating that Environmental Action works! Petitions included:

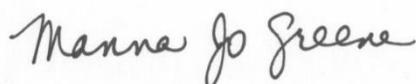
- Urging Shutting Off the Algonquin Pipeline at Indian Point = 415 signatures
- Calling for Cleanup of the City of Newburgh's Water Supply from PFOS = 385 signatures
- Opposing the Expansion of the Danskammer Fracked Gas Power Plant = 385 signatures
- Opposing NY's Mandatory 12-year, \$7.6 Billion Nuclear Subsidy = 381 signatures
- Calling for a Citizen Oversight Board to Decommission Indian Point as Safely as Possible = 376 signatures (legislation is still in process – see above)
- Calling for a More Ecologically Sound Strategy to Protect Against Storm Surge and Sea Level Rise = 366 signatures
- Calling for New York State to Pass CCPA or similar Climate Legislation = 362 signatures (has passed)
- Calling to Ensure EPA Makes GE Complete a More Robust Clean Up of Hudson River PCBs = 357 signatures

50:100 Anniversary: In addition to many other 50:100 events, on Weds, Apr. 24, former Captain and Board President Betsy Garthwaite offered an outstanding presentation on the history of Clearwater's Sloop design, build and launch at HRMM, Kingston

- **Pete Seeger and the Sloop *Clearwater* were honored by NYS Legislature** on May 6, 2019. Board President Stephen Smith and Environmental Director Manna Jo Greene attended a session of the NY State Legislature, where a resolution sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger and Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson honoring Clearwater and Pete Seeger was read aloud, receiving standing applause for Clearwater's work this past 50+ years. [Click here](#) to read the full resolution. On May 16, Manna shared air time with Steve Smith and Betsy Garthwaite on WAMC Roundtable and Capitol Pressroom, as well as doing numerous other 50:100 interviews.
- **A History of Clearwater and Pete** was created for Spring 2019 *Navigator* and summarized in the Revival Program Book. A more extensive history of Clearwater will hopefully be completed for the Clearwater website, with help from Sara Johnson, Vassar intern Sara Mathes, and volunteers Judy Allen and Bill Braine, who reviewed old *Navigators*, review Marist archives, etc. With James help, we hope to finalize this project early in 2020.

Environmental Action Interns: We are very grateful to Spring 2019 intern Sara Mathes and Summer and Fall interns, SUNY/New Paltz senior, a Sustainable Business major, Marlee Lawless, who stayed on through the fall, and actively worked on the Regional Renewable Energy Planning team. Marlee was joined by Kira Peterson of Vassar, and former intern, Alexis Stabulis, who is volunteering part-time. We also mentored a 17-year old high school student, Melanie Taylor, for 5 weeks this summer.

Respectfully submitted,



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EA Meetings and Events since last Clearwater Board meeting:

- Fri., Dec. 13: Regional Renewable Energy Implementation Planning Forum, Kaplan Hall, Newburgh. Will feature reports from NYS Agencies, utilities, and model municipalities and businesses taking action to achieve CLCPA goals here in the Mid-Hudson Region.
- Fri., Dec. 20: Meeting with NYS Senator Peter Harckham, Peekskill, re: NYS Decommissioning Oversight Board
- Sun., Jan. 5: U4CE Convergence meeting at Stony Point
- Thurs., Jan. 9: MH Regional Sustainability Coalition: Climate Leadership Action Plan, HVRC, Newburgh
- Weds., Jan. 15: Indian Point NDCAP Meeting, Buchanan; comments on Holtec's PSDAR will be posted on Clearwater website and are available upon request.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Thurs., Jan. 30, 2020: NYS Indian Point Closure Task Force Meeting, Cortlandt
- Tues., Feb. 4, 2020: Stewart Air National Guard Base Restoration Advisory Committee (RAC) at 6 PM.

Addendum B

Report for Clearwater Board Meeting on January 21, 2020: Potential Collaboration with Folk Music Society of Huntington

On December 23, 2019, Greg and Kyle had a call with Jason Chapin, Stuart Markus and Mike Kornfeld to explore opportunities for collaboration between Clearwater and the Folk Music Society of Huntington. Jason helped to arrange this call after an initial discussion with Kyle.

Stuart Markus is a board member of the Folk Music Society of Huntington. And Mike Kornfeld is President of the Folk Music Society of Huntington (and President of the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance and board member of Folk Alliance International).

In an email dated January 13, Stuart reported the following:

- The Folk Music Society of Huntington Board held our first meeting of the new year last Monday, and I'm happy to say the board was very receptive to the idea of co-promoting the Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival festival.
- Just to review our most important points for you to bring to your board:
 - The Folk Music Society of Huntington, which boasted Harry Chapin as one of its early members, is a 51 -year-old member organization devoted to the promotion of the love of folk music and to helping folk musicians make a living (or partial living) in the field.
 - We host two monthly concert series, one for nationally and regionally touring artists and one for local, tri-state and up-and-coming regional acts; we also host a monthly folk jam at a local library.
 - Additionally, we co-produce an annual summer folk festival, featuring local, regional and national acts, in cooperation with the Huntington Arts Council (another organization linked to Harry Chapin), of which we are a member.
 - Over the years, especially the last decade, we've partnered with a number of other folk organizations to co-promote and coordinate for our mutual benefit: We put out flyers for each other's shows at our own events, we have a page on our website with links and another page for "acoustic allies," regular events whose missions align with our own.
 - We have also partnered to co-promote some other major festivals, such as the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, the American Roots Music Festival at Caramoor, and the Nassau County Dept. of Parks and Recreation's annual *Just Wild About Harry Chapin* tribute, which is organized and hosted by me.
 - We do feel strongly that part of our mission is to create awareness of and build the fan base for folk music in general, and so maintain a cooperative relationship with the many other venues and presenters on Long Island. We also feel a responsibility and mission to help develop Long Island talent.

- Mike and I were very happy to hear that the Clearwater Festival is getting back to the original grass-roots intent of Pete and its other founders; we're happy to help spread the word, as many in the regional folk world were aware that some tumult had been going on with the festival, though not in detail. Pending our board's approval, we can offer the following to help promote it next year, and years to come:
 - Promotion via our email list of 2,200+ names
 - Prominent mention as one of our upcoming events on our website
 - Distribution of the Festival's flyers at our concerts, and we'll bring them to other local folk venues as well
 - Promotion on the Long Island Fans and Friends of Folk and other local music related Facebook pages
 - A feature mention on the L.I. Concert notes listserv, run by one of our board members
- In return, we'd ask for:
 - Prominent mention as a partner organization and our logo on your website, emails, brochures and program
 - Mentions from the stage at appropriate moments
 - Guest passes for our board members so that we may scout talent for our own booking consideration, and/or tickets that we may raffle off
 - A table in the appropriate area where we may give out our own flyers and brochures
 - Due consideration for Long Island talent in the booking process. (We will be happy to send you a list, with links, of Long Island's top folk talent, many of whom are touring regionally and have multiple albums out, and strong name recognition in the tri-state area.)

Stuart Markus,
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Band Leader, Gathering Time
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AND

Mike Kornfeld
President, Folk Music Society of Huntington
President, Northeast Regional Folk Alliance
Board Member, Folk Alliance International
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