



Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council

May 19, 2020, 10:00am – Agenda

Meeting of the Directors

Owasco - Ed Wagner, **Cayuga County**- Aileen McNabb -Coleman, **City of Auburn** - Debby McCormick
Niles – Joan Jayne, **Locke** - Mary Alice Stetz, **Scipio** - TBD, **Fleming** - Don Oltz,
Moravia – Terry Baxter, **Village of Moravia** – Gary Mulvaney, **Village of Groton** – Nancy Niswender,
Town of Summerhill – Susan Stout
Council Executive Director- Adam Effler

- A. Board of Directors-- Roll call
- B. Approval of the Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2019 meeting
- D. Public to be Heard
- E. Board of Directors/Municipality Representatives Feedback
- F. Director's Summary- Adam Effler distributed for review prior to meeting
- G. Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report, Feb. through Apr. approvals – Joan Jayne summarizes Apr.
- H. Research Updates- Dr. John Halfman
- I. NYSDEC Hub Updates- Tony Prestiagacomo
- J. Update on Watershed Rules and Regulations Revisions – Steve Lynch
- K. Update on Completion of the 9E Plan – Michele Wunderlich
- L. Updates on the Owasco Flats Retention Basins Project- Bruce Natalie
- M. TNC updates- Olivia Green
- N. OWLA updates- Dana Hall
- O. Emerson Park Sluiceway Cleanout and Retrofit Updates- Bruce Natalie and/or Andrew Snell
- P. Watershed Inspection Monthly Report – Andrew Snell and Kaitlyn Shanahan
- Q. Lake Level Report – John West
- R. Communications
- S. Issues of Concern
- T. Schedule Next Meeting (3rd Tuesday of June is the 16th)

2020 OLWMC Goals

1. Increase participation of additional towns on the Council.
2. Community Outreach
 - a. Increase awareness of the boundaries of the watershed through signage.
 - b. Mobilize an outreach campaign for eventual rollout of Rules and Regulations
 - i. Plan distribution methods for supportive materials for guidance for watershed programs and lines of supportive funding.
 - c. Development of a watershed specific farmer's advisory committee
 - i. Growing membership
 - ii. Determine meeting times and location
3. Continue to look for funding opportunities.
 - a. Advance funding support for project initiatives through collaboration for funding and partnership among agencies
 - b. Adaptive strategies for project priorities list based on funding availability
 - c. Seeking watershed support as a line item on the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)
4. Work with the Towns' elected officials and highway superintendents and Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District to improve ditching practices.
 - i. Improved communication between highway departments and CCSWCD. Developing prioritized action plan- future priority locations for restoration to be determined by monitoring results.
5. Participate in the on-going NYSDEC harmful algal bloom monitoring and surveillance program, the purpose of which is to identify priority areas for health and safety and ultimately develop mitigation strategies for HABs.
 - i. NYSDEC- 2020 sampling plan
 - a. OWLA/NYSDEC/OLWMC collaboration essential
6. Continue to revise the Owasco Watershed Rules and Regulations, a working document
 - i. Updates based on recent public meetings and feedback
 - ii. Stakeholder meeting feedback and local governmental review
7. Continue to move forward with support for oversight and guidance for the Watershed Inspection Division
 - a. Administrative needs for watershed rules and regulations waivers process
 - i. Staff growth and funding
 - b. Implementable and comprehensive inspections
 - i. Staff growth and funding
 - c. Extension of the division for improved outreach and assistance for funding and guidance for stakeholders

- i. Staff growth and funding
- 8. Continue monitoring the lake to assess water quality.
 - a. Transferrable datasets between multiple groups, scientists and planners/managers
 - b. Work with the DEC Finger Lakes Hub in reducing nutrient loading and HABs.
 - i. Transitioning from 9E plan information and priority sites or ‘hot spots’ to target watershed project implementation
 - 1. Presentation of priority information for managers to support priority project implementation