



Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council

December 17, 2019, 10:00am – Agenda

Meeting of the Members

Owasco - Ed Wagner, **Cayuga County**- Aileen McNabb -Coleman, **City of Auburn** - Debby McCormick

A. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INC., CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND TO CREATE A GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TO UPHOLD THE POLICY AND ADVISE AN EMPLOYEE, DIRECTOR, OR MEMBER WHO APPEARS TO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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** - Leslie Baxter, **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. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting
- C. Public to be Heard
- D. Board of Directors/Municipality Representatives Feedback
- E. Director's Summary- Adam Effler
- F. Treasurer's Report – Joan Jayne
- G. Introduction to Cornell Cooperative Extension and New Director- Daniel Welch
- H. Introduction to the 'Be Watershed Aware' campaign- OWLA, Ken Kudla
- I. NYSDEC Hub Updates- Tony Prestiagacomo
- J. Research Updates- Dr. John Halfman
- K. Update on Watershed Rules and Regulations Revisions – Steve Lynch
- L. TNC Updates- Olivia Green
- M. Watershed Inspection Monthly Report – Andrew Snell and Kaitlyn Shanahan
- N. Lake Level Report – John West
- O. Communications
- P. Issues of Concern
- Q. Schedule Next Meeting (3rd Tuesday of January is the 21st)

2019 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. We are working towards 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 the 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. OWLA- 2019 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, as well as the new naming convention for the watershed inspection and protection division
 - 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