



# Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council

October 19<sup>th</sup> 2021, 10:00am – Agenda

## Meeting of the Directors

**Owasco** - Ed Wagner, **Cayuga County**- Aileen McNabb -Coleman, **City of Auburn** - Debby McCormick  
**Niles** – Joan Jayne, **Locke** – Thane Benson, **Scipio** – Vivian Cunningham, **Fleming** - Don Oltz,  
**Moravia** – Terry Baxter, **Village of Moravia** – Gary Mulvaney, **Village of Groton** – Nancy Niswender,  
**Summerhill** – Charlie Ripley, **Sennett** – Tom Gray  
**Executive Director**- Adam Effler

- A. Board of Directors- Roll call
- B. Approval of the Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 2021 meeting
- D. Public to be Heard
- E. Director’s Summary- Adam Effler (distributed for review prior to meeting)
- F. Board of Directors/Municipality Representatives Feedback
- G. Treasurer’s Audit and Finance Report
  - i. September 2021 Financials Approval – Joan Jayne
- H. Hyfi Watershed Water Level Sensors, Project Update- Brandon Wong
- I. Owasco Lake Research Updates- Dr. John Halfman
- J. NYSDEC Hub Updates- Tony Prestigiacomò
- K. Watershed Rules and Regulations Revisions Updates – Steve Lynch
- L. Nine Element Watershed Plan Updates– Michele Wunderlich
- M. The Nature Conservancy Updates - Olivia Green
- N. Owasco Watershed Lake Association Updates - Dana Hall
- O. Cornell Cooperative Extension Updates- Daniel Welch
- P. Partners for Healthy Watersheds Updates – Greg Rejman
- Q. Emerson Park Sluiceway Cleanout and Retrofit Updates- Seth Jensen
- R. Watershed Inspection Monthly Report–Ally Berry
- S. Lake Level Report – John West
- T. Communications
- U. Issues of Concern
- V. Schedule Next Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of November is the 16th), Adjourn

## 2021 OLWMC Goals

1. Increase participation of municipalities that have yet to join the Council.
2. Community Outreach
  - a. Increase awareness of the Lake Friendly Living Pledge Program and boundaries of the watershed through signage.
  - b. Mobilize an outreach campaign for eventual rollout of Updated Watershed 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 farmers' 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. Use adaptive strategies for project priorities list based on funding availability
  - c. Seek watershed support as a line item on the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)
4. Work with the Towns' elected officials, highway superintendents, and county soil and water conservation district's (SWCD's) to improve ditching practices.
  - i. Support communication between highway departments and SWCD's.
5. Support for the completion and implementation of the NYS Nine Element (9E) Watershed Plan
  - 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
    2. Use (9E) Plan to advocate for eternal project funding through grants
6. 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- 2021 sampling plan
    - a. OWLA/NYSDEC/OLWMC collaboration essential
7. Continue to support requested revisions of the Updated Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations, as well as OLWIPD program requirements according to their rollout
  - a. Develop programmatic needs for watershed rules and regulations variance process
8. Support oversight, growth, and guidance for the Watershed Inspection and Protection Division
  - a. Foster outreach and guidance for stakeholders

9. 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 and other partners towards reducing nutrient loading and HABs.