



# Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council

October 20th, 2020, 10:00am – Agenda

## Meeting of the Members

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

### **A. Resolution 04-20, to Add the Town of Sennett as a Director of the Council, an amendment to bylaws**

## Meeting of the Directors

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**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. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes from the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
- C. Review and Discussion of the unofficial notes for the September 15, 2020 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, Financials Approval – Joan Jayne
- H. Propose and discuss OLWMC budget for 2021
- I. Research Updates- Dr. John Halfman
- J. NYSDEC Hub Updates- Tony Prestigiacomo
- K. Update on Watershed Rules and Regulations Revisions – Steve Lynch
- L. Update on Completion of the 9E Plan – Michele Wunderlich
- M. Updates on the Owasco Flats Retention Basins Project- Bruce Natale
- N. TNC updates- Olivia Green
- O. OWLA updates- Dana Hall
- P. Cornell Cooperative Extension updates- Daniel Welch
- Q. Emerson Park Sluiceway Cleanout and Retrofit Updates- Bruce Natalie and/or Seth Jensen
- R. Watershed Inspection Monthly Report – Andrew Snell and Kaitlyn Shanahan

- 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 17th), adjourn

### 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 and Protection 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