

**Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council
January 19, 2021 Meeting of the Directors
Meeting Minutes**

Roll call

Directors Present: Joan Jayne - Niles, Debby McCormick- City of Auburn, Ed Wagner – Town of Owasco, Aileen McNabb-Coleman – Cayuga County Leg., Mary Alice Stetz – Locke, Don Oltz - Fleming, Terry Baxter – Town of Moravia, Vivian Cunningham -Town of Scipio, Michele Lyon – Village of Moravia.

OLWMC Staff – Adam Effler - Director, Drew Snell-Watershed Inspector

Ex-Officio Members and Partners Present: Eileen O'Connor – Cayuga County Health Dept., John West – City of Auburn Water Treatment Supervisor, Doug Kierst – CC Soil and Water, Seth Jensen – City of Auburn Municipal Utilities, Tony Prestigiacoamo – NYSDEC, Michele Wunderlich – Cayuga County Planning Dept, Greg Rejman – Sunnyside Farm, Dan Welch – CCCE, Dana Hall - OLWA

Others Present: Ken Kudla, Michele Lyon, Tricia Kerr, Dr. John Halfman, Ron Kuck, , Jim Beckwith, Christopher Jones, Dave Ekhart, Liam Kierst – NYS Assemblyman Lemondes representative.

Dr. Effler Opened the meeting at 10:00AM

Approval of the Agenda Debby McCormick made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Don Oltz and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from the December 15th meeting Ms. McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baxter and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Effler welcomed new representative from the Town of Scipio, Vivian Cunningham. He also acknowledged County Legislator Trish Kerr who was attending today. Liam Keirst, representing Assemblyman Lemondes' office introduced himself.

Review and Revision of the OLWMC's 2021 Goals (see bottom of agenda) – Dr. Effler presented the revised 2021 goals. He reviewed updates that have been made.

Public to be Heard - No one in attendance wanted to speak.

Director's Summary- Dr. Effler had distributed his summary prior to the meeting for review and shared a shortened version verbally.

Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report, Financials Approval – Joan Jayne – Due to transition to new bookkeeper, the January reports will be delayed and presented in February.

Presentation of 2020 Research, Results, and Recommendations- Dr. John Halfman –

Dr. Halfman presented a comprehensive report/analysis from his 2020 activity on Owasco Lake. Due to COVID, he explained that he was not able to have student interns help him. He discussed what he sees based on the data from lake monitoring. He stated that approval and application of the Revised Rules and Regulations, and the 9E plan will be very important to the lake.

NYSDEC Hub Updates- Tony Prestigiacomio

Update on Watershed Rules and Regulations Revisions – Dr. Effler briefly recapped status in the absence of Mr. Lynch.

Update on Completion of the 9E Plan – Ms. Wunderlich reported that she continues to work on collaborating the model for the plan.

Updates on the Owasco Flats Retention Basins Project- Ms. Wunderlich reported that this project must be completed by June.

OWLA updates- Mr. Hall reported that OWLA is completing a survey of Hemlock activity. They have identified 16 sites to date.

Cornell Cooperative Extension updates- Mr. Welch reported that they are moving forward to fill a fulltime position that will focus on environmental outreach and education.

Emerson Park Sluiceway Cleanout and Retrofit Updates- Mr. Jensen updated the board on status of this project.

Watershed Inspection Monthly Report – Mr. Snell presented his monthly activity report.

Lake Level Report – Mr. West reported that the lake level is at 710.25. They are keeping a close eye on the weather to adjust as needed.

Schedule Next Meeting - Tuesday of February is the 16th at 10:00AM.

Meeting adjourned.