



Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council

July 20, 2021, 10:00am, Meeting of the Directors

A. Roll Call: Board of Directors present: **Owasco** - Ed Wagner, **Cayuga County**- Aileen McNabb-Coleman, **Niles** – Joan Jayne, **Scipio** –Vivian Cunningham, **Fleming**-Don Oltz, **Village of Moravia** – Michelle Lyon, **Executive Director**- Adam Effler

Ex Officio Attending:

Dr. Dana Hall, Michele Wunderlich, John West, Ron Kuck, John West, Mr. Colucci, Rick Nelson, Kathleen Bertuch, Olivia Green, Ken Coola, City of Auburn Intern Tehya Kloster

B. Approval of the Agenda. Motion to approved agenda as presented made by Don Oltz. Seconded by Joan Jayne. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

C. Approval of Minutes from the June meeting as distributed. Motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Joan Jayne. Motion seconded by Ed Wagner. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

D. Public to be Heard. No issues raised from the public.

E. Exec. Director's Briefing- Adam Effler (full summary distributed for review prior to meeting) Please review Dr. Effler's full summary. In addition:

Drew Snell has left his role in the watershed inspection division on 6/25/21 and moved out of the area. A reception with OWLA was held for him at Springside. (Thank you, OWLA) We recognize Drew's contribution to protect the watershed's quality and integrity.

Following a recruitment period, OLWMC hired a new inspector, Mr. Dillon Shultz who was hired on 7/12/21. He has professional experience in environmental permitting and regulations, and technical experience in water quality monitoring and data analysis, and reporting.

Town of Scipio passed a resolution supporting the updated Watershed Rules and Regulation and wrote a letter to the Governor and Department of Health supporting the WRR. We encourage other towns to support updated WRR. Auburn City Council also endorsed the updated WRR at their last council meeting.

OLWMC will partner with OWLA on submitting an insect mitigation funding proposal for the wooly adelgid under the appropriate program funding.

F. Board of Directors/Municipality Representatives Feedback: Dr. Effler would like to thank the towns that are supporting lake friendly living initiative with resolutions, signage, and messaging.

G. Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report, Feb. Financials Approval –The Financial reports were presented to the Board remotely. Joan presented the Balance report: \$ 257,198.76. Motion to approve the Balance report was made by Don Oltz Seconded by Ed Wagner. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Annual Financial Audit report 2020 circulated remotely to the board last week. Motion to approve the 2020 audit made by Aileen McNabb-Coleman. Joan Jane Seconded the Motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

H. Owasco Lake Research Updates- Dr. John Halfman doing research today on Dutch Hollow. Dock side research sites are being serviced throughout the Finger Lakes today.

I. NYSDEC Hub Updates- Tony Prestigiaco, not available today.

J. Watershed Rules and Regulations Revisions Updates –Steve Lynch is unavailable today.

K Nine Element Watershed Plan Updates– Michele Wunderlich-asked for extension until January. Finished modeling and quality assurance project plan and then work on recommendations. Then hoping to move forward quickly. Michele has done a great job coordinating projects. The Flats did not flood with last storm-water reached 6.5 feet with flood stage at 7 feet.

L. Owasco Flats Retention Basins Project Updates – Olivia Green. Continuing close partnership with Ag and Water Quality.

M. The Nature Conservancy Updates - Olivia Green. Taking a careful approach for properties we are taking control of so that are in good ecological integrity. Looking at a parcel of land in Sempronius.

We are looking for small parcels of land with good support from the neighbors.

Working specifically with projects on behavioral change in the watershed community and acquisition of parcels of land appropriate for the council to hold.

N. OWLA: Dr. Dana Hall OWLA. Will defer time to Ken Kudla Update on water sampling sites. Training water sampling sites and people and will do periodically and especially after rainfall. Working with watershed inspection division.

O. Cornell Cooperative Extension Updates - Daniel Welch, Unavailable. Local office moving underway.

P. Partners for Healthy Watersheds- Gregg Rejman. Farm Tours today to represent newer technologies for the watershed.

Q. Emerson Park Sluiceway Cleanout and Retrofit Updates- Seth Jensen. Unavailable
Update on sluice pipes have been cleaned out and pipes will be redesigned.

R. Watershed Inspection Monthly Report –Ally Berry and Dillon Shultz. Dillon introduced himself. DEC is requesting photos of fish floating on shore. Some parts of watershed had 8” of rain in past 30 days. Inspected the extensive damage water damage on Fire Lane 10.

Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center sustained a lot of water damage during the same storm as Fire Lane 10. Many organizations came together to protect the campers and assure the integrity of the camp. Damage was comparable to situation in Fire lane10. Aileen McNabb-Coleman would like to publicly thank all the organizations that came together to protect the campers-NYS Police, Cayuga County Emergency Management, NYS DOT, and many volunteers especially Mike Deming who called Aileen to alert her of the problem so she could mobilize help.

Buck Point: A stop work order has been issued and work is being done on an erosion control plan and storm water control plan for the south end of the property which was a wet land prior to clearing. Multiple agencies are involved in the process.

Dillon Shultz introduced himself and shared his contact information. Contact Information:

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Ally Berry

aberry@owascoinspector.com 315-427-5188

S. Lake Level Report – John West. Lake Level 716. Will try to keep it lower.

T. Communications: Nothing to report. Dana Hall: question regarding HABS-none seen. Water inspection committee. **Bring to Local Town Boards- septic systems are approved by local county health department prior to approving housing permits.**

U. Issues of Concern: There has been a shift in open meeting law. No longer hybrid meeting can be accommodated. Fully in person setting is required. If that changes everyone will be informed.

V. Schedule Next Meeting (3rd Tuesday of August is the 17, 2021),

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn by Don Wagner. Seconded Joan Jayne. Unanimous vote. Motion Carried.

Adjourned 11:14 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Cunningham

Acting Secretary