

# ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

## Meeting Notes

May 2, 2017

First Floor Conference Room  
201 West Third Street, Suite 115  
Jamestown, NY 14701

CALL TO ORDER: 4:17 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Conroe, Ruth Lundin, Dave Wilson.  
EX-OFFICIO: Bill

**EXCUSED** ABSENT: Claire Quadri, John Jablonski

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Longley (filling in for Dave McCoy)

### MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

None

### CONTINUING BUSINESS

### LAKE ERIE ACTIVITIES

Bill: **LEMC UPDATE**

LEMC and Health Department will be at Lake Erie rally  
Lobbyist Steve Dye working in DC and has gotten several projects listed **as eligible for future funding**  
Last meeting money contributed to fishing poles (around \$500)

Dave: **LEWPA UPDATE**

LEPWA has received first allocation from State budget. Group has worked their way up and into state budget (couple hundred thousand dollars) split between the 3 counties; hopefully this will be every year (this was last area in NYS without funded watershed protection group- last ones to come aboard for Great Lakes)

Bill: This is funding for watershed assessment?

Dave: Also other local projects in each county. Money will help seven-step watershed plan, water sampling, etc.

Doug: **CLA will** have watershed stewards in Barcelona and Dunkirk due to that funding. Need 9 and 5 or 6 so far have been hired

### **OCCUPANCY TAX PROJECTS**

Bill: Dave gave updates on (maybe 19) projects (submitted applications). Projects pretty well spread out for the county (between Lake Erie and Chautauqua Lake)

Dave: None for Cassadaga Lake

Bill: Application process takes a lot of time. Numbers of total applications have decreased over time

Doug: Smaller projects (debate on whether they are worthwhile overall)

Bill: Soil and water and Highway departments have become involved

Dave: Questioning where that money is going. Always have to go back to what resolution states. What is the initial directive?

up by 5

### CHAUTAUQUA LAKE ACTIVITIES

BEMUS BAY HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS

Bill: Herbicide application. Cost will be \$200,000-300,000?

Doug: It is estimated by CLP to be \$70,000. This is common practice for vendor to get foot in the door and to get a permit

Doug: they believe they will get a permit although Mr. Denk reported verbally to CLA that they will not and will be required to do an EIS. Proposing to cover (60 acres) with aquathol K and 2,4-D. Some areas in Bemus Bay are prohibited from being sprayed

Doug: It's disappointing that things are being said that aren't necessarily factual. This is a problem for the CLA. CLA is trying not to be antagonistic but it is a problem. It's in DEC's hands.

Bill: They will spray in late June?

Doug: Target is May. Bob Johnson's latest report says target species are sparse/nonexistent in Bemus Bay- cannot get 50% bottom cover – 50% bottom cover I usually required to spray

Doug: No idea what to expect from DEC. Some leaders have no pesticide background. Doug was told several times that Chautauqua Lake will never get a permit (as well as Lake Erie)

Doug: Ongoing application for 2,4-D and aquaphor K - from those of us who work with the lakes it will not solve the problems that are the focus

Bill: We have to be involved at some point, as far as notifications?

Doug: Homeowners have been notified of hearing. Goal is to get application done by July 4.

Doug: It will take years to overcome the setback created in community cohesiveness by this.

Doug: It has had a negative impact on public opinion and education. There is a certain way it has to be done and this isn't the way.

Doug: Discussing alternatives for application. Copper sulfate, etc. Effectiveness from water body won't be felt.

Doug: Final step is to take out toxic algal blooms and lower nitrate, phosphorous

Bill: Dave, Vince, Pierre in Albany going after sewer system funding

## MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES

Doug: Looking for names

Bill: I'll call Vicky (at Findley Lake meeting tonight)

Doug: We need someone with time to get into things, get involved.

## GIS

Ruth: Can we get students involved with GIS? Inquire with professor at Fredonia

Ruth: Bill was supposed to ask

Bill: Was I? I'll make a note.

Ruth: GIS for critical environmental areas. We can keep the students busy.

## ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE BULLETIN ITEMS

### STEBBINS RD. SAND & GRAVEL MINING

Dave: Permit for mine land reclamation is needed.

### MANOR DRIVE SHORELINE REINFORCEMENT

Doug: Existing sheet pile wall removed from the lake. Large stones and smaller stones in lake bottom

### CARLSON GENERATING STATION

Doug: Applicant for initial permit for water withdrawal from Chadakoin River

Bill: Withdraw it and pump it right back in?

Doug: There might be concerns over thermal changes along river.

Doug: Type II action- not subject to review

## HANOVER SPEDES PERMIT MODIFICATIONS

### COUNTY LAKES PHOSPHORUS MONITORING

Bill: trying to get a hold of phosphorous data in and around Chautauqua Lake.

Doug: Have to file with DEC now?

Bill: They all went to electronic filing system used by big municipal systems (Net-DMR)

Bill: Being used by Cherry Creek

Dg: Who is operating Bemus Point central?

Bill: Tom Walsh I think. All facilities with service discharge are required for monitoring

Doug: New report coming up in a few months

Bill: We requested DEC to do monitoring. We no longer track it or receive copies at our office. We really want data from some that just aren't reporting.

### FINDLEY LAKE SEWER SYSTEM

Doug: What about Findley Lake?

Bill: Vote scheduled for Friday before Memorial Day (May 26) and open house on tentative date of May 20. Mary Chapel is invited. The Town and the Watershed foundation will be there to answer questions.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### WATER WEEK

Bill: Drinking water week is first full week in May (State version is this week)

Bill: It's the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Bill: Water tasting contest on May 13 at the mall from 10-2

#### AUDUBON WATER CHESTNUT PULLING & SPRAYING

Ruth: Nothing to report for watershed permits for herbicide application

ADJOURNMENT: 5:01 PM

NEXT MEETING: June 20