



Chautauqua County

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Chautauqua County Sewer Agency
Meeting Minutes
South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Offices
51 Gifford Ave. Celoron, NY
May 8, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

Attendees: D. Himeleine, P. Chagnon, S. Carlson, L. Ortman, D. Emhardt, T. Walsh,
A. Churchill, D. McCoy

The meeting was opened at 1:00 PM by Chairman Pierre Chagnon. The minutes of the December 19th meeting were approved unanimously by the group.

1. Project Updates

- a. North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District (Cummings) - None
- b. Town of Chautauqua Sewer District #1 – Chautauqua Heights (Emhardt) - None
 - i. Point Chautauqua
- c. South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts (Walsh) - None
- d. Chautauqua Utility District (Chagnon) – Late equipment deliveries have caused project delays

2. Dates and Times for Future Meetings (McCoy) The group agreed to cancel meeting for the summer. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 1:00 pm at the South & Center Sewer District offices.

3. Other/General Discussion

- a. Summary of February 23rd meeting with Senator Young (Walsh) – The meeting went well, and as a result, the Senator reached out to the NYSDEC to schedule a meeting in Albany on May 2.
- b. Summary of March 1st & 2nd Advocacy Efforts in Washington DC (Chagnon & McCoy) – The visit with Schumer & Gilibrand's staff, Congressmen Reed, USEPA and USACE went well. Concerns about elevated toxins seemed to capture their attention.
- c. Summary of March 24th Partnering Meeting with USACE and other stakeholders (Chagnon & Horrigan) – The Chautauqua Lake Feasibility Study was included in the 2017 USACE Report to Congress (7001 List) and the USACE Pittsburgh District is interested in submitting a Silver

Jackets Program proposal to evaluate lake levels and the operation of the Warner Dam.

- d. Summary of May 2 meeting with Senator Young, EFC & NYSDEC in Albany (Chagnon & Horrigan) – Representatives from the EFC provided information on the soon to be opened application for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) and the Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant Program (IMG). Representatives from the NYSDEC encouraged the Districts to apply for the Water Quality Improvement Program grants, saying that the program was better funded this year and our chances of an award was significantly increased.
- e. Additional advocacy efforts (Chagnon & McCoy) - The benefits of a coordinated letter writing campaign to support the various sewer initiatives was discussed. The group hoped to launch the campaign at the 2017 Chautauqua Lake Rally.
- f. New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) Community Grants Program Application (McCoy) – The County will apply again for this opportunity to fund Education and Outreach activities for sewer district expansion.
- g. Funding Opportunities - 2017 CFAs (McCoy & Chagnon) – The CFA program opened on May 2 and will close on July 29. The Districts are evaluating which grant programs they want to pursue.