



Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM Monday, July 15, 2019
Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

Attendees: Z. Olow, D. McCoy, J. Panasiewicz, J. Galati, B. Boria, C. Pinkoski

Call to Order: Chairman Zen Olow called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Public Expression: None

Chairman's Comments: None

Coordinator's Comments:

- Dave McCoy said the environmental assessments (SEQR determinations) for the 2020 round of the Chautauqua County 2% Occupancy Tax Grant Program will be considered by the Chautauqua County Legislature this month.
- McCoy spoke at the at the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) meeting on 5/2-4 and at the Chautauqua Lake Conference on 6/15.
- Treasurer's Report – The unobligated balance of the LEMC account is currently \$63,742.
- McCoy staffed the LEMC table/exhibit at the Great Lakes Experience event on Saturday, June 8th. We had good traffic at our table. The weather was great, but there were fewer exhibitors this year.
- McCoy noted that the required Ethics training for all LEMC members had been completed.

Committee Reports:

- Education Sub-Committee:
 - Dave McCoy said the annual Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for the Yard Waste Management, Riparian Buffers, Plastics & Microplastics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection/Disposal campaigns would begin this fall.
 - McCoy added that the Pharmaceuticals Disposal, Septic Systems and Stream Process brochures have yet to be completed due to time constraints.

Member/Partner Reports:

- Joanna Panasiewicz said that LEWPA's Lake Erie Watershed Management Plan was finished and that LEWPA will seek funding for Phase III implementation in the upcoming



CFAs. She requested letters of support from the LEMC membership. Dave McCoy will write the letter for Chairman Olow's signature.

- Bill Boria said most Lake Erie Beaches were open before July 4th. Water quality has been good, with exception of the storm event on July 6th. Wright Park and the beach west of the power plant were impacted with algae and debris. Main Street beach has no lifeguards, but sees many boats anchored offshore.
- Cassie Pinkoski said the Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District had completed the Scott Creek 2% project and was working on a project on Tupper Creek in Forestville.
- Zen Olow gave the Sportfishing update. He said the WNY Heroes event involved 130 veterans and 40 charter boats. He thanked Cassie Pinkoski for the research she did regarding a proposed lift to improve watercraft access for handicapped persons and summarized a recent emergency where a lift may have helped. Olow also mentioned the upcoming WNY Charter Boat Association sponsored VIP Fishing Day and that several big fishing tournaments, including the Sunset Bay Shootout were scheduled.
- Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy – No update

Old Business:

- NCC Local Waterfront Revitalization Program – No update
- Great Lakes – One Water Initiative – No update
- Dave McCoy said the City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Planning effort was going well and that a draft plan would be submitted soon.
- McCoy said that the LEMC sponsored Drain Marking Campaign would begin in September.
- McCoy said that he talked with Randy Woodbury noted that the City was investing \$13k toward the City of Dunkirk's Fish Grinder initiative. McCoy is working to advance an Agreement of Service between Chautauqua County and the City to deliver the \$5k LEMC contribution in support of the effort. There were no updates regarding the LEMC's offer to co-fund fish grinders for Barcelona or Cattaraugus Creek Harbors.
- The proposed Sewer Feasibility Study for northwestern Chautauqua County was discussed. Bill Boria suggested that we plan to apply to the CFAs in 2020. McCoy noted that working with multiple municipalities can be challenging and that he and Boria should schedule meeting with the County Executive to begin planning for the effort.

New Business:

- None

Summary of Actions Taken:

- The LEMC will provide LEWPA a letter of support for Phase III of the Lake Erie Watershed Management Plan.



Schedule Next Meeting:

- September 16th (3rd Monday) would be the next meeting date at the Lighthouse in Barcelona Harbor.

Adjourn: Chairman Olow called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Joe Galati, seconded by Cassie Pinkoski and unanimously approved by the members.

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