



**Meeting Minutes**  
9:00 AM Monday, September 16, 2019  
Barcelona Harbor Lighthouse  
Westfield, NY



A view of the historic Barcelona Harbor Lighthouse

**Attendees:** D. McCoy, M. Bills, D. Richmond, J. Panasiewicz, C. Pinkoski, C. Quadri

**Call to Order:** The meeting at the historic Barcelona Harbor Lighthouse was hosted by Marla Conley, with NYS office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (Parks). Dave McCoy called the meeting to order on behalf of Chairman Olow, who could not attend.

**Public Expression:** None

**Chairman's Comments:** None

**Coordinator's Comments:**

- Dave McCoy noted that the Chautauqua County 2% Occupancy Tax Grant Program will fund 9 projects in 2020. There are two that are in the Lake Erie Watershed, a streambank stabilization on Tupper Creek and the Boat Steward Program (Barcelona, Dunkirk and Cattaraugus Creek Harbor boatlaunches).



- Treasurer's Report – The unobligated balance of the LEMC account is currently \$63,742.
- There was a discussion on project generation, grant funding and how to do more together. McCoy cited the successful collaboration associated with dredging of the boat launches in Barcelona, Dunkirk and Hanover, the Drain Marking Campaign and the current collaborative effort to undertake a feasibility study of the wastewater collection and disposal infrastructure needs along the Lake Erie Shoreline. McCoy summarized how the LEMC had collaborated with the City of Dunkirk and Parks to reopen the comfort facilities along the City's waterfront. He then asked Marla Conley if Parks had any projects that might benefit from collaboration with the LEMC. Conley said Parks was working to develop their Catt Creek Harbor facility, was considering a Boating Infrastructure grant and investigating the septic system that currently served the Barcelona Lighthouse.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Education Sub-Committee:
  - Dave McCoy noted that the Radio PSAs for the Yard Waste Management Campaign, Riparian Buffers, Plastics & Microplastics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection/Disposal campaigns would be airing in October.
  - McCoy also noted that the Pharmaceuticals Disposal, Septic Systems and Stream Process brochures were on-hold.

#### **Member/Partner Reports:**

- Joanna Panasiewicz said LEWPA is continuing to work on projects and will be participating in the Oct 17 Waterways Event at the Buffalo/Niagara Heritage Village.
- Lake Erie Beaches - None
- Cassie Pinkoski said the Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District was completing a project on Canadaway Creek that was co-funded by the 2% Program and LEWPA funding.
- Sportfishing - None
- Claire Quadry noted that the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy was working on LEMC sponsored the PSAs and Drain Marking Campaign.

#### **Old Business:**

- Martha Bils said an informational meeting on the NCC Local Waterfront Revitalization Program was scheduled for 9/28.
- Great Lakes – One Water Initiative – No Update



- Dave McCoy said he had reviewed the draft City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan and the Steering Committee was scheduled to meet and discuss the draft in the next several days.
- McCoy and Claire Quadri noted the planning for the Drain Marking Campaign was complete and is scheduled to be implemented in early October.
- McCoy said the contract to deliver the LEMC's \$5000 contribution to the City of Dunkirk for a new Fish Grinder was sent to the City for execution. Barcelona and Hanover are not as far along with their projects.
- McCoy discussed the Sewer Feasibility Study for northwestern Chautauqua County with the group and noted that he and Bill Boria had met with the County Executive to discuss the path forward.

**New Business:**

- The need for an investigation of the Barcelona Lighthouse septic system was discussed. Dave McCoy will reach out to Bill Boria from the Chautauqua County Health Department to see what County assistance might be available.

**Summary of Actions Taken:**

- There were no Resolutions passed.

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

- November 18th (3rd Monday) would be the next meeting date at the Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory in Portland, NY.

**Adjourn:** Martha Bills motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Richmond and approved unanimously by those in attendance.