

Minutes
Chautauqua County Water Quality Task Force
Frank W. Bratt Agricultural Center
August 19, 2014

Call to order: by Chairman David Spann at 10:01 am

WQTF Members Present: Dave Spann, Jacqueline Chiarot, Rhonda Lindquist, Cassandra Pinkoski, Tom Erlandson, Joe Galati, Jonathon Mayr, Betsy Burgeson, Kim Sherwood, Pierre Chagnon, Jan Bowman and Dave McCoy.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. Galati to approve the July 17, 2014 minutes. Seconded. Carried.

Correspondence: None.

Watershed Coordinator: See attached.

Old Business:

1. Phosphorus Reporting- D. Spann reported that Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District sent a letter filling the agricultural deficiencies noted by the legislature subcommittee reviewing the TMDL Report. The highway and stormwater sections, which also was noted for deficiencies, was filled in to the best of the Conservation's ability. P. Chagnon added that the environmental subcommittee will meet this week with recommendations to the legislature on how to better execute phosphorus reductions.
2. 2% Bed Tax Grant Projects for 2014- D. Spann reported that projects awarded funding for 2014 are still awaiting contracts before proceeding with construction.
3. Dredging- Building off of D. McCoy's comments in the watershed coordinator's report, D. Spann shared that after watching the dredging operation, he was surprised to find that there is no sediment plume after material is dumped in deep water.

New Business:

1. Bear Lake TMDL- D. McCoy covered in watershed coordinator's comments. (See attached)
2. Legislature Field Days- The Conservation District is holding a "Legislature Field Day" on Monday August 25th starting in Mayville Lakeside Park and then touring water quality improvement projects in the immediate area. Congressman Reed will be present, and a lunch will be served.

Current Water Quality Concerns & Issues from the Floor:

1. B. Burgeson, coordinator of Cornell's Master Gardener's Program, wanted to bring awareness to the emerald ash borer (EAB) increases in Chautauqua County. A EAB Chautauqua County Task Force is in the process of being created, and the first meeting will be help September 11th at 9:30 AM in the Frank W. Bratt Agricultural Center. September 25th will be an EAB First Detectors training, also at the Ag Center. For more information on EAB and these events contact Betsy at emh92@cornell.edu.
2. B. Burgeson also informed the task force of a gardens and landscapes day on September 26th at Mission Meadows. The event will go all day. For more information on this event contact Betsy at emh92@cornell.edu.

3. J. Bowman shared her experience while collecting samples on Chautauqua Lake. She noticed a large blue green algae bloom between Midway State Park and Long Point State Park. She also observed an unidentified organism, which resembled a terrestrial mold, but will try to get a sample next time.
4. T. Erlandson reported that there is a new organization for New York and Pennsylvania naturalists. Currently, there are about 80 members, but membership is still developing. The group will focus on southwestern New York and northeastern Pennsylvania. The next meeting is set for September 4th at 7 PM at Jim Barry's. For more information on the group and to join the email list contact Tom at merlandson1@stny.rr.com.

Next Meeting:

Date: **Tuesday September 23, 2014**
Time: **10:00am**
Place: **Frank W. Bratt Agricultural Center**

Adjournment: Motion K. Sherwood to adjourn. Seconded. Carried at 11:11 AM.

C. Pinkoski – Recorder



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Update of activities related to the WQTF

Macrophyte Management Plan

- Liz Moran of EcoLogic is working to revise the MMS document to address the Review Committee's comments.
- The Review Committee met on 8/14 to discuss status of the MMS and provide additional comments.
- All of the Chapters have now been drafted. Part One (Chapters 1-10) are nearly ready for final review, Part Two (Chapters 11-15) should be ready thereafter. The last chapter, Chapter 15 outlines a strategy for implementation.

Integrated Sewer Management Plan

- O'Brien & Gere are moving ahead with the ISMS and submitted a memorandum identifying data gaps on 8/11/14.

North County Local Waterfront Redevelopment Plan

- A Request for proposals from Consultants was published and three proposals were received. The Steering Committee plans to meet 8/28 to review the proposals.
- The Waterfront Advisory Committee has been formed to assist with the planning process.

Proposed Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance (CLWMA)

- An additional Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Village of Lakewood was received.
- The filing to be a registered corporation with the New York State Department of State has been filed and the Internal Revenue Service request for Not for Profit status should occur in the next two weeks.
- The Steering Committee will begin its search for an Executive Director in the next several weeks
- The Chautauqua County Legislature approved \$50,000 funding for the Alliance from the 2% Occupancy Tax account.

2% Occupancy Tax for Lakes and Waterways

- The resolution for the State Environmental Quality Review process and the 2015 Projects will be presented to the Planning and Economic Development Subcommittee on 8/20 and the Audit and control Subcommittee on 8/21, and the full Legislature on 8/27.
- Received and approved invoices for the CLA and Cassadaga Lakes Association weed cutting activities during August.

Chautauqua Lake and Waterways Website

- The website was reviewed and suggestions for updates and fresh content are being prepared.

Lake Erie Management Commission

- Dredging work in Barcelona Harbor is on-going and expected to be complete by 8/28.
- NYSDEC permit for the Hanover Dredging Project has been received and the ACOE permit is expected within the next two weeks.
- City of Dunkirk permit renewal is expected in the next several weeks.
- The Educational Subcommittee is working to update materials and prepare a brochure regarding disposal of yard waste in streams.

Grants

- CCPED is participating in a regional coalition seeking \$650,000 from the USEPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the Invasive Species management category. The Lake Erie Watershed Commission, as a member of the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance is allied with the Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District (Sponsor), Erie County Department of Planning, Buffalo River Keeper, Western New York PRISM and SAREP in the coalition. The two Chautauqua County sites are the outlets of Canadaway and Chautauqua Creeks. Both are high quality fisheries, have public fishing easements, good access off NYS Route 5 and thick stands of Japanese Knotweed and phragmites.
- New York Sea Grant was announced recently and is due 9/30. Only projects in the Great Lakes Basin are eligible. \$88,000 is available for 4 projects (up to \$25,000). Eligible projects include: natural infrastructure, coastal wetland monitoring and restoration, green infrastructure related to

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coastal resiliency, coastal ecosystem vulnerability analysis, and economic and social analysis of value resiliency measures.

Bear Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

- The NYSDEC held two public meetings (8/14 and 8/15 regarding the TMDL process for Bear Lake. DLM attended the 8/15 meeting (Joint with the EMC and WQTF). The meeting was very informative and the audience had a number of relevant comments regarding the data used to build the model and the rationale behind the need for a TMDL on the Lake.

Model Stormwater Ordinance

- The Village of Lakewood has included a version (Ellery) model ordinance in their effort to develop new zoning regulations. Although the ordinance has not been adopted yet, it is a move in the right direction. So far 9 of the 14 communities in the Chautauqua Lake watershed have adopted the ordinance.

Lake Rally

- Plans for the 8/23 Lake Rally are largely complete at this time. The schedule is as follows:
 - 9:00 am Breakfast and time with the exhibitors
 - 9:30 am Opening Remarks by County Executive Horrigan and political leaders
 - 10:00 am Presentation on the new Chautauqua Lake Watershed management Alliance
 - 10:30 am Presentation on algae in Chautauqua Lake
 - 11:00 am Presentation on The Integrated Serer Management Study
 - 11:30 am Presentation on the Macrophyte Management Study

Community Outreach

- On 8/15 County Executive Horrigan and DLM met with John Powers from Greenhurst concerning issues with Dutch Hollow Creek.
- DLM attended the Annual Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy meeting on 8/3.
- On 7/31 Dave Spann, Cassy Pinkoski and DLM toured several properties on Dutch Hollow Creek at the request of John LaBarbara.
- On 7/22 DLM met with Pete Brann, also in Greenhurst regarding issues with Dutch Hollow Creek
- On 7/21 DLM met with Margaret Flinn at the Shorelands Development to discuss flooding related to an unnamed tributary to Chautauqua Lake. Dave Spann and DLM plan to meet with the Homeowners association on 8/27.
- On 7/19 DLM attended the Findley Lake Watershed Association Annual Meeting.