

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE March 15, 2022 MEETING

Commissioners / Alternate:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra
Mark Fargo, Village of Rushville
Jim Morse, Town of Gorham
Jim Sprague, PE, City of Canandaigua

Other Attendees & Guests:

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD
Sheryl Robbins, PE, NYSDOH, Geneva District Office (remote)
Kevin Olvany, CLWCouncil

Meeting called to order at 9:03am

Minutes of January 11, 2022 Meeting: Change “that” to “than” in Raw Water section. Motion to approve made by M. Fargo. Seconded by J. Sprague. Carried.

Watershed Inspector’s Report: The failed system on Route 247 in Gorham which had long been in violation should be resolved soon. A plan is approved and once weather cooperates, a new system will be installed. Office was inundated with plans to review over the winter. Recent inspections have turned up some needed repairs, but nothing crazy to report.

OWTSIT Update: The Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Inspection Tracking (OWTSIT) project is progressing nicely, per Ms. Webster. Bergmann Associates created the basic framework which should be transferred to the County geodatabase in a few weeks, followed by a few weeks of troubleshooting.

2023 Draft CLWC Budget: Hard copies of the draft budget were given to Commissioners and the electronic version will also be sent to them. Discussion followed about vehicle replacement. One bid was received for a new Chevy Colorado. Ms. Webster put it out for re-bid covering current and new inventory. The results will be known in the next week or two. Motion made by J. Sprague and seconded by J. Morse to authorize M. Webster to purchase a new Watershed Inspection truck in an amount not to exceed \$34,000. Motion Carried.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

CLWCouncil: Mr. Olvany spoke about the Nine Element Watershed Plan, specifically working with multiple partners to finalize a model to analyze what goes into Canandaigua Lake. He believes this model will be more accurate than those of other areas, such as Seneca and Owasco Lakes watersheds. This will be beneficial in applying for future grants. The goal is to submit the Plan to the DEC in June-July.

Federal Grant: Mr. Aman sent grant information to M. Webster and K. Olvany. Their concerns about potentially applying, especially in this cycle are:

- Tight timeline
- Need to identify local/regional NRCS point person and would they have time now?
- Federal funding comes with even more strings attached than State grants do
- Very cumbersome restrictions and paperwork make it challenging to get farms to buy-in.

Applying in a future cycle may be more feasible.

NYSDOH: Hyland Hartsough is retiring as of April 24, 2022. Ms. Robbins will discuss local waivers with Mr. Ohle to determine if her office will continue to process them or if he is now in a position to want to do that.

Executive Session: Motion by J. Morse to enter into Executive Session at 9:39am to discuss matter regarding employee compensation. Seconded by J. Sprague. Carried. Motion to adjust salaries of Watershed Inspection office employees with a 3% increase made by J. Morse. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried. Motion to exit Executive Session made by J. Sprague. Seconded by J. Morse. Executive Session ended at 9:57am.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:59am.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 9:00am