

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE March 12, 2024 MEETING

Commissioners / Alternate:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra
Sarah Brown, City of Canandaigua
Mike Gonzalez, Village of Newark
Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Village of Rushville
Jim Morse, Town of Gorham

Other Attendees:

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD
Kevin Olvany, CLWCouncil

Meeting called to order at 9:00am, followed by introductions.

Minutes of January 9, 2024 Meeting: Correction: Meeting was January 9 (not 10). Motion to approve with noted correction made by M. Gonzalez. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried.

Inspector's Report:

Letters regarding 5-year inspections for shoreline properties are having a high response. Thus far Tyler has seen a few broken components, but nothing major. There haven't been many inspections for deed transfer.

A property on Smith Road wound up with 2 different designs from different engineers. That situation is still being worked out. Overall as a result, Mr. Ohle will now be present at all deep hole perc tests.

An application will be sent to the State regarding the Watershed Inspector issuing specific waivers to approve raised fill systems for new systems.

An inspection for property deed transfer in South Bristol (Rt 21 north of Bopple Hill) revealed a cesspool under a driveway. There was an overflow pipe that was discharging to daylight at a ditch. A new system will be designed for that property.

SUNY Stony Brook rep Eileen O'Connor (formerly of Cayuga County) reached out regarding a research project to test ETUs for nutrient removal. She is looking for candidate sites.

Draft 2025 Budget: Overall budget requests a slight increase of approximately \$1,000. It reflects the federal pay scale for the program's full-time employee. All municipal payments for 2024 expenses regarding the part-time employee have been received, other than South Bristol and that should arrive soon.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

CLWCouncil: K. Olvany stated that things are going well grant-wise and listed topics of focus. An early May delivery is expected for the hydro-seeder.

SWCD: M. Webster noted that the District has numerous grant projects, including for roadside stabilization in the Town of Naples / Grimes Glen area; funding for stream restoration along Eelpot Creek which feeds into Naples Creek; and a variety of projects with the agricultural community, including erosion and sediment control, as well as manure transfer and various best management practices focusing on soil health and water quality.

Round 4 of the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund Program will be underway in the near future. It provides for a 50% cost share (up to \$10,000) for residential properties to upgrade or replace septic systems which are failing or likely to fail and are within 250ft of the shoreline on designated water bodies. Round 4 coverage includes Grimes Creek. The total dollar amount awarded has not yet been revealed.

DEC designation regarding wetlands is being monitored.

Ms. Webster recently attended Legislative Week and will send the group some proposed legislation.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by M. Gonzalez. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 9:00am

(Rather than June 11)

Jamie M. Noga, Recorder