

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE September 20, 2022 MEETING

Commissioners / Alternate:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra
Mark Fargo, Village of Rushville
Mike Gonzalez, Village of Newark
Fred Lightfoot, 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
Kevin Olvany, CLWCouncil

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

Minutes of June 14, 2022 Meeting: Motion to approve made by M. Gonzalez. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried.

Watershed Inspector's Report: Deed transfer inspections have slowed a bit, maybe due to low inventory, per several real estate agents. Mr. Ohle is kept busy with inspections due on a 5-year basis though. The process is turning up some interesting situations, including a cesspool 200ft. from the shoreline in Middlesex; an issue with a contaminated well in Middlesex; a (rather new) pump system failure; problems with root infiltration; and a failed metal tank approximately 70ft. from the lake on Granger Point in South Bristol.

Ms. Webster reminded the group that Canandaigua and Seneca Lakes are not included in the most recent round of funding for the Septic System Replacement Fund. Hopefully these lakes and tributaries will be included in the future.

OWTSIT Update: The Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Inspection Tracking (OWTSIT) project is up and running. A few glitches, such as mapping, are still being worked out.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

WI Vehicle: The 2019 Nissan Frontier truck sold for \$24,270 at auction. Mr. Ohle is happy with the new Colorado truck.

The CLWCommission Agreement for Services with the Ontario County SWCD will expire at the end of 2022. Ms. Webster will send a new agreement to commissioners. That covers the period of 2023-2025. Individual purveyor agreements with the Conservation District are valid through 2023.

SWCD remains very busy with soil erosion and sediment control projects. Hemlock woolly adelgid treatment continues which sometimes consists of two chemical treatments, depending on tree condition. Grimes Glen is the focus in the fall and the Honeoye Lake watershed will be in the spring. The District is partnering with the CLWAssociation and volunteers on this. Ag BMP work continues, as illustrated on the District's website project page. Speakers are being recruited for a March 1, 2023 Soil Health Workshop.

CLWCouncil: Mr. Olvany noted he is pleased with how well the "5 Year Law" is working. Regarding local 9 Element Watershed Plans, he believes some, including Owasco and Seneca-Keuka Plans don't have enough emphasis on potential impacts of individual onsite wastewater treatment systems and that the Canandaigua Lake 9E plan showcases these issues better which may help us more with future funding. A good draft for others to see may be available in December. Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Olvany spoke about various models, their differences, and levels of accuracy.

Discussion about HABs. Season has been light overall for Canandaigua Lake, with decent clarity and only a few shoreline blooms.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by M. Fargo. Seconded by J. Sprague. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35a.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 9:00am