

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE March 21, 2023 MEETING

Commissioners:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra
Mark Fargo, Village of Rushville
Mike Gonzalez, Village of Newark
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

Meeting called to order at 9:02am

Minutes of January 10, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve (following correction of typo to “be” not “me” in third sentence of Agency Reports section) made by M. Gonzalez. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried.

Watershed Inspector’s Report: T. Ohle noted real estate transactions are down somewhat; regarding the violation at 2123 Route 245 in Italy, the septic tank is now being utilized as a holding tank until a conventional / shallow trench system is installed; an inspection on W. Gulick Road involved a failed tank near a water course, but an improvement was made; an Applewood Dr. site had a failed pump station which has been remedied; and a holding tank in Middlesex which was close to failing is being replaced.

M. Gonzalez inquired about raw water withdrawals. M. Webster will send a spreadsheet of the figures.

2023 Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Tyler Ohle and Tad Gerace compiled info from private OTN registered providers of inspections, etc. As a result, the 2023 Comprehensive Fee Schedule increased inspection fees to \$225 (from \$175), although that is still lower than what private companies charge. There were nominal increases for other services too. The fee schedule was adopted by the SWCD board effective March 1, 2023.

Draft 2024 Budget: Will be discussed at the June meeting and is traditionally adopted then. Reminder: Actual costs usually come in well under the proposed / adopted budget. The salary for the full-time position reflects the Federal Pay Scale, as previously discussed. Some increased insurance costs are factored into the budget. M. Webster noted the SWCD does not have enough office space and is working with the County regarding this, although the process will take time. M. Aman asked for the status of the Vehicle Fund. Per M. Webster, the balance is a healthy \$34,000-\$36,000.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

Canandaigua Lake Watershed: Invasive species control program for hemlock woolly adelgids continues in Grimes Glen. Some agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) projects in the watershed will be going in this year and next focusing on waste management, plus soil erosion and sediment control. The 2022 annual report was already sent to Commissioners.

In general: Updated Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit guidelines will impact soil erosion and sediment control. M. Webster and T. Ohle will be part of “4-Hour Erosion and Sediment Control Course” training contractors, on April 20th. A successful Soil Health Workshop was conducted March 1st, with approximately 100 farmers, etc. in attendance. The Watershed 9-Element Plan was discussed there.

M. Aman noted as part of his AWWA membership, he will be in DC later today. The agenda includes expanded funding for watershed protection as part of the Farm Bill.

Group discussed PFOA and PFOS testing, related funding, etc.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by M. Gonzalez. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:28am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:00am

Jamie M. Noga, Recorder