



CANANDAIGUA LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Minutes September 9, 2020

Present:

Marty Aman Robert Green Tamara Hicks Cathy Menikotz Ted Bateman
Dan Marshall John Sawers

Necessarily Absent: Peter Gerbic, Deb Cook, Mike Gonzalez, Fred Lightfoote, Bob Palumbo, June Pendleton

Staff and Guests: Kevin Olvany, Kim McGarry, US Congressman Chris Jacobs, Alexis Ogra

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Co-chair Green. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the meeting was held both at the Hurley Building and on Zoom.

Co-chair Green asked for approval of the July 8, 2020 minutes. Motion was made by Supervisor Marshall to approve the July 8, 2020 minutes, seconded by Marty Aman. Motion carried.

Co-chair Green asked if anyone wanted privilege of the floor to speak to the Watershed Council. Supervisor Menikotz introduced Congressman Jacobs. He represents the west side of the lake and has been in office since July through a special election. Congressman Jacobs introduced Alexis Ogra who is from his office. He stated that he was honored to represent the region and understands how important water issues are to the region.

Supervisor Menikotz reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Most of the expenditures have grant funding. The ongoing education program was also included. This supports 2 educators going into the schools. The Watershed Association also financially supports the education program. Supervisor Bateman made the motion to approve the bills totaling \$6,247.94, seconded by Supervisor Marshall. Motion carried.

Kevin reviewed blue green algae for the season. There has been blue green algae on the lake off and on since late July. Thus far, the season has started earlier than previous years- but we have not seen as many intense blooms as compared to 2018 and 2019. However, yesterday September 8th was the most intense of the season- with many visual reports through staff and volunteers. The Watershed Association has an active group of volunteers to monitor the shoreline.

The blooms are very transient and can change by the hour. Kevin showed photos of some of the conditions. These blooms can cause skin irritation and are harmful if ingested, so it is important to get information out to shoreline residents and tourists. FLI results from the fluoroprobe were shown. Kevin

took samples that represent ambient water conditions. There were blooms detected in shoreline areas. Many agencies are involved and are researching why a clean lake like ours has HABs. Supervisor Bateman made the motion to accept the harmful algae bloom report, seconded by Mayor Sawers. Motion carried.

Kevin reviewed the 2021 Funding Formula. This has been used for 20 years to approve municipal funding. This funding formula uses the same aggregate total amount as 2020- \$132,000, so there will be no increase in the total funding requested from the municipalities. However, there may be changes in individual municipal contributions based on changes in assessed values and gallons used. Watershed Council members discussed the concept of holding the municipal contributions flat. Supervisor Marshall made the motion to accept the 2021 funding formula as presented, seconded by Supervisor Bateman. Motion carried.

Kevin reviewed grant projects. He displayed the funding from numerous grants the Watershed Council is currently managing. NYS DOS Phase I just finished. He is working on finalizing a contract for the Source Water Protection grant. The Watershed Council has brought in \$2.3 million in State funding over the years with \$1.3 million in local match. The municipalities have provided much of that local match. In the latest grant work, the municipalities will be reimbursed for their work on projects. For example, the FLCC project has numerous municipalities that provided equipment and labor. This project is supported by NYS FLOWPA, the Watershed Association, and NYS. The Town of Canandaigua provided most of the equipment and labor, and all of the municipalities will receive some reimbursement for their work. Grant reimbursements also help support the Council's staff time and cost. Motion was made by Supervisor Marshall to accept the grant updates report, seconded by Supervisor Bateman. Motion carried.

Kevin reviewed the update to the Watershed Plan. The Cornell doctoral student is finalizing the watershed model. It is a very complex model, and modeling is required for the 9E Watershed Plan update. Once the model is completed, the focus will be on updating the management practices used to protect Canandaigua Lake. The 9E Plan will help the Council get extra points on grant applications. We seek comments from the public at each meeting.

Kevin reviewed the DEC land purchasing requirements for the Source Water Protection Grant. The DEC requires the City of Canandaigua, as the grant recipient, to acquire the land even if it is located in another municipality. Then, the City can immediately transfer the land to another municipality or Land Trust. There are some potential projects areas identified in Gorham, Naples and Town of Canandaigua. Both the City and the municipality will need to agree on the project.

Kevin stated that he needed the funding formula approved so he could develop a draft budget. In addition, the recent HABs have taken up much of his time. The Personnel Committee also needs to meet. Supervisor Marshall will organize a Personnel Committee meeting before the November meeting.

Kevin reviewed the Manager's Report. There has been a significant amount of time on managing grants and conducting research on the lake. Kevin mentioned that they usually meet the first Wednesday of the month, but moved it due to election day and meetings. Co-chair Green pointed out that November 11 is Veteran's Day, so the meeting date was set for November 10th.

There being no other business, motion was made by Supervisor Bateman to adjourn until November 10, 2020 seconded by Supervisor Menikotz. Motion carried.

Next Meeting
November 10, 2020
4:30 pm – Location Hurley Building and Zoom