



CANANDAIGUA LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Minutes February 3, 2021

Present:

Marty Aman	Robert Green	Cathy Menikotz	Dan Marshall	Deb Cook
Dave LeClair	Bob Palumbo	Mike Gonzalez	Fred Lightfoote	June Pendleton

Necessarily Absent: Peter Gerbic, Ted Bateman, Tamara Hicks

Staff and Guests: Kevin Olvany, Kim McGarry, Julie Sherwood, Neil Atkins, Greg Talomie, Lynn Klotz

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Co-chair Lightfoote. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the meeting was held on Zoom.

Co-chair Lightfoote asked for approval of the November 10, 2020 minutes. Motion was made by Supervisor Marshall to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes, seconded by Supervisor Menikotz. Motion carried.

Co-chair Lightfoote asked if anyone wanted privilege of the floor to speak to the Watershed Council. Kim McGarry introduced her new baby- June McGarry to the Watershed Council! Mayor LeClair introduced himself as the Mayor of Rushville and the representative on the Watershed Council. The group welcomed both new additions.

Supervisor Menikotz reviewed the Treasurer's Report, going through the bills listed totaling \$23,581.57. Supervisor Marshall made the motion to approve the bills totaling \$23,581.57, seconded by Councilwoman Pendleton. Kevin Olvany noted that the use of his personal boat was included in the bills and that it just covered gas costs. This is a much lower cost than the Watershed Council owning its own boat. Co-chair Lightfoote noted that this was previously discussed. Mayor LeClair inquired if there was a proposal for 2021 personal boat usage. Kevin Olvany explained that he was unable to find an IRS value for boat use. Marty Aman thanked Kevin for compiling this cost. Motion carried.

Kevin Olvany presented the contract with Ontario County for the Ontario Beach Park Kayak Launch. This is a DOS State grant, and the Watershed Council acts as a pass through. The County will be reimbursed once we get reimbursement from the State. This site was included in the County's Parks Master Plan and is part of the Canandaigua Lake Water Trail. Bids for the project were through the County. Motion was made by Supervisor Marshall to accept the contract with Ontario County for the kayak launch at Ontario Beach Park, seconded by Councilwoman Pendleton. Motion carried.

Greg Talomie presented his proposal for use of LED flares on Canandaigua Lake for the Ring of Fire. He described the problems with chemical flares. His mission is to bring LED flares to the public through awareness, accessibility and affordability. Flares were tested for their visibility and how well they replicate the look of a chemical flare. He worked to identify a manufacturer for the selected LED flare. He is collaborating with the other Finger Lakes who also have Ring of Fire events to further promote LED flares and increase buying power. He is also working with Wegmans to carry the LED flares in their stores. He is looking for ways to increase awareness and was hoping that the Watershed Council could be a partner on that. The Watershed Council commended him on his work on the issue. Greg offered to provide the Towns with information sheets on the LED flares. He is hoping the Towns can help promote the flares. Lynn Klotz of the Watershed Association commented that there is a lot of interest and excitement on the flares and that they look like a combustible flare. Greg is hoping that Canandaigua Lake can be an example for other lakes and that they can set up tents to sell LED flares at multiple places. Kevin suggested that Towns could even put the flares on display. Kevin highlighted Greg's business plan and his ability to bring the cost of the LED flares down. Mayor Palumbo suggested that Greg contact emergency personnel, as there is also a safety component for the LED flares.

Co-chair Lightfoote inquired if there is a liability problem. Supervisor Menikotz deferred to each municipal attorney. Greg explained that it is basically an LED flashlight. Supervisor Lightfoote also noted that other LED flare companies could be upset if a municipality endorsed a specific company's LED flare. Mayor Palumbo suggested that the Watershed Council could promote or endorse the concept of an LED flare over a chemical flare. Supervisor Marshall made the motion supporting the concept of promoting the use of LED Flares during the Ring of Fire around Canandaigua Lake, seconded by Marty Aman. Motion carried.

The Watershed Council reviewed the progress of the 9 Element Plan. A key component to the plan is the watershed model. DEC has reviewed the QAPP for the model and given final comments. This will allow us to finalize the QAPP and the model. Once the DEC approves the QAPP and model, we can begin to have public meetings. We are encouraging residents to provide comments through our website.

The Watershed Council reviewed potential projects for the Source Water Protection Grant. This grant can be used to protect critical landscapes within the watershed. Kevin has been working with DEC on a few different land areas, but DEC has deemed some of them ineligible for the grant. Areas closer to intake pipes and along the shoreline are a priority. There is a parcel in the Town of Canandaigua that has a history for potential development and is located within ½ mile of the Canandaigua intake. It is one of the last remaining wooded shoreline parcels on the lake. The available grant has \$680,000 in State funding matched with \$170,000 in local match. The Town of Canandaigua is waiting on appraisal information and is engaging the public through their own process. Kevin suggested use of this grant funding to help the Town of Canandaigua purchase the parcel. This purchase would cover the entire local match for the grant, so the remaining grant funds could be used to purchase/restore other parcels. Supervisor Menikotz suggested Council members watch a video on the Town of Canandaigua's YouTube channel that reviews the project. She also noted that the Town is still gaging public interest. Kevin noted that 97% of the lake's shoreline is privately owned and this is a great opportunity to protect shoreline property. Mayor Palumbo made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-1 that supports the use of \$350,000 in grant funds for the proposed project in the Town of Canandaigua, seconded by Councilwoman Pendleton. Motion carried.

Kevin Olvany reviewed the potential partnership with the Town of Canandaigua on grant administration and budget assistance. Kim has reduced her hours due to her new baby and the pandemic. He is seeking some accounting assistance from a current employee, who is currently an account clerk with the Town of Canandaigua. This is still in the concept phase, but would include some part time assistance by her. The Town of Canandaigua Board still needs to approve this arrangement. Kevin is looking for the Council's support if the Town Board approves it. Mayor Palumbo made the motion to authorize Co-chair Lightfoote to sign an agreement for part time accounting assistance if the Town of Canandaigua Board agrees, seconded by Mayor LeClair. Motion carried.

The Watershed Council reviewed the potential need to update the Uniform Docks and Moorings Law. There have been some questions on it recently surrounding different projects. These questions would necessitate reconvening code enforcement officers, Ontario County and other stakeholders to review these questions. Supervisor Marshall mentioned that this law gets used regularly. The Watershed Council supported the idea of reaching out to the Code Officers to determine if there is a need to reconvene the committee.

Kevin Olvany reviewed de-icing salt use in the watershed. The Highway Departments are doing a great job with roads, but there is an interesting de-icing salt program on Lake George that is getting attention that uses a combination of pretreating the road with brine and using live edge plows. Kevin would like to reach out to the Highway Departments to inventory their standard practices and encourage communication between our watershed and Lake George watershed highway departments. Supervisor Marshall suggested reaching out to the counties, as they specify salting formulas on their roads. Kevin will compile an inventory of practices. There was a sensible salting campaign in the 1990s. He will also be sampling the streams for chloride with Bruce Gilman this spring. Co-chair Green noted that many drivers do not use snow tires anymore and that there needs to be a balance between the lake and cleared roads. Kevin stated that he would like to hear about the experience from other highway departments. Lynn Klotz mentioned an upcoming Cornell Local Roads Program training.

Kevin Olvany presented potential HABs signage for the public beaches that is being promoted by the Association. This is an EPA sign that could be placed at municipal beaches in visible but not intrusive locations. Lynn Klotz noted that the Association worked with both Ontario and Yates Counties to ensure they were comfortable with it. They would be happy to place the signs at any point of access to help people make informed decisions. Supervisor Green said that having standard signage is a good thing.

The Managers/Technicians Report was reviewed by the Watershed Council. He highlighted the work on the watershed model, planning for the 2021 field season, the WRC grant secured to study heavy metals and PCBs, and a field visit to the FLCC project during a storm event.

There being no other business, motion was made by Mayor LeClair to adjourn until April 7, 2021 seconded by Councilwoman Pendleton. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

April 7, 2021

4:30 pm – Location Hurley Building and Zoom