

# **Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission**

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2019 MEETING**

### **Commissioners / Alternate:**

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra  
Mike Gonzalez, Village of Newark  
Fred Lightfoote, Town of Gorham  
Jim Sprague, PE, City of Canandaigua

### **Other Attendees & Guests:**

George Barden, Watershed Inspector  
Jim Morse, Town of Gorham  
Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office  
Kevin Olvany, Watershed Council  
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD

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

### **Minutes of January 8, 2019 Meeting:**

Motion to approve made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Gonzalez. Carried. Abstained: F. Lightfoote

### **Watershed Inspector's Report:**

Mr. Barden noted that weather is still a factor regarding inspections. He is receiving calls related to the septic system law in Canandaigua and South Bristol.

### **Budget Discussion:**

Ms. Webster noted changes to the Draft 2020 Budget are mainly due to the impending change in the Watershed Inspector position. The job posting has a salary of \$45,000 while \$50,000 was put in the budget to allow for negotiation. Cost of health benefits for individual vs. family coverage is unknown. An increase in postage is included to reflect mailings regarding new septic system laws. She also noted the SWCD uses QuickBooks to track the budget, which is fine with Commissioners.

Payments were received regarding 2019, with the exception of the City of Canandaigua. Per City Manager John Goodwin, Jim Sprague still needs to sign off on it. Mr. Sprague will follow up.

### **Purchase of New Water Inspection Truck:**

Ms. Webster passed around bid info regarding a Nissan Frontier (lowest price at \$24,363.90), Ford Ranger XL super cab (middle price), and Chevy Colorado extended cab (highest price at \$27,623.17). General discussion about the different brands; consideration of leasing; advantage of extended cab; the box on the back of the current truck which is an excellent feature; need for a tight turning radius; and need for new magnetic signs. Motion made by Fred Lightfoote to purchase 2019 Nissan Frontier, with latitude in funds to address the back box, plus associated hardware and lights as needed, then to sell the current truck at auction. Seconded by Mike Gonzalez. Carried.

### **Job Posting for Watershed Inspector:**

The job is now posted accurately and applications are due by March 29 at the Ontario County Dept. of Human Resources. Plan is to interview candidates in mid-April with goal of hiring for an early May start date. A tentative date of April 12 was agreed upon.

Mr. Sprague recommended a hiring committee of three. Following discussion it was determined the committee will consist of 3-5 people, including Ms. Webster, Mr. Sprague, and at least one SWCD board member. Mr. Barden would like to be on the committee as well and the SWCD board will determine whether they want one or two directors on the committee. One person will take the lead during interviews and Sheryl Robbins of the NYSDOH will be asked in advance if there are specific questions she would like included.

As Mr. Barden will be staying on part-time / per diem to facilitate the transition for his successor, an hourly compensation rate will be determined for him. Since his health plan is no longer paid for by the SWCD / CLWC, his current wages will probably be the basis for calculating a future hourly wage.

### **Update on Local Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Law:**

Town of Canandaigua: Letters went out in 2018 and 2019 each regarding 20% of properties (geographically from north to south) whose systems are within 200 ft. of Canandaigua Lake.

Town South Bristol: Approximately 50 letters were sent this year regarding the first 20% of properties (geographically from north to south) whose systems are within 200 ft. of Canandaigua Lake.

Town of Gorham: Since there are only 17 properties whose systems are within 200 ft. of Canandaigua Lake, they can all be addressed in a single year.

Town of Middlesex: Dawn Kane wants to wait until their law is filed with the State.

### **Agency and/or Association Reports + General Discussion:**

Watershed Inspection: G. Barden organized an Onsite Training Network (OTN) “Refresher Class” for March 21. Approximately 30 attendees are expected.

CLWCouncil: K. Olvany spoke about the following: 1. Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) sampling policy is progressing. Mr. Lightfoote stressed the importance of testing turnaround time, especially as compared to the past and all agreed that continuity of the lab that will be used is important. NYSDOH will take over if any tests are positive. 2. FLCC water quality project is coming together. 3. Parish Flats project. 4. Educational activities, including the March 21 Healthy Lawns, Healthy Lake seminar at FLCC.

SWCD: M. Webster noted educational activities, including OTN Class; Realtors Workshop on April 10; Rain Barrels Workshops in Geneva and Canandaigua; and the Soil Health Workshop from a couple weeks ago with approximately 170 attendees. Mr. Lightfoote highlighted the value of healthy soils to watersheds. Ms. Webster also informed the group the District will be submitting some grants for work within the watershed as part of ecosystem based management project funding. Proposals will be submitted to NYS Ag & Markets in upcoming months.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by J. Sprague. Seconded by F. Lightfoote. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

### **Next Meetings:**

***Potentially April 8, 11 or 12, 2019, Time TBD regarding new hire  
Tuesday, June 18 at 9:00am at the Hurley Building***

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Jamie M. Noga, Recorder