

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE September 29, 2020 MEETING

Note: September 8, 2020 meeting was postponed due to lack of quorum.
Call-in option available due to COVID-19.

Commissioners / Alternate:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra (called in)
Mark Fargo, Village of Rushville
Jim Morse, Town of Gorham (called in)
Jim Sprague, PE, City of Canandaigua

Other Attendees & Guests:

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD
S. Robbins, PE, NYSDOH, Geneva District Office (called in)

Meeting called to order at 10:30am

Minutes of June 9, 2020 Meeting: Motion to approve made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Aman. Carried.

Watershed Inspector's Report: The number of total inspections remains high (Mr. Ohle noted that some are re-inspections). New ones are now being scheduled 3 weeks out. Local laws are proving helpful in bringing about upgrades, with one example in South Bristol where an old metal tank was close to the lakeshore.

COVID-related Update & Expenses: Ms. Webster informed others of how pleased she's been with people adapting to new circumstances. As of October 5, employees will be working from the office at least 3 days per week.

As previously discussed, the COVID pandemic combined with the normal passage of time resulted in expenditures for personal protective equipment (PPE) and technology (computer hardware and software) to accommodate safety, remote working, etc. Mr. Sprague made a motion to authorize approximately \$3,000 (originally budgeted for the Vehicle Fund) for expenditures related to PPE and computer technology, given the COVID-19 situation. Seconded by Mr. Fargo. Carried.

Agreements for Services: There were no modifications to Agreements for Services beyond dates. All should be signed and returned by the end of 2020. Palmyra's was signed and returned to the SWCD. M. Fargo hasn't seen Rushville's which was sent to the Village Clerk, to the attention of Mark Fargo. J. Sprague will follow up with City Hall regarding Canandaigua's. Gorham's and Newark's still need to be returned. The Agreement for Services between the CLWC and Ontario County SWCD will be addressed at the December meeting, allowing time for Mr. Sprague to review it with City Hall.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

NYSDOH: Ms. Robbins spoke about sampling parameters (regarding PFOA, PFOS and dioxane), deadline dates for sample collecting, frequency and estimated costs (\$500-\$1,600), plus certified labs and their subcontractors. She had also previously sent messages to purveyors about this.

S. Robbins also noted that the best ways to reach her remains via cell phone or e-mail as she continues to work primarily at home.

SWCD: Ms. Webster noted the Healthy Lake – Healthy Septic initiative which includes door hangers, septic markers and educational outreach videos and programs for 2020 and 2021. She acknowledged Alaina Robarge, Tad Gerace, Tyler Ohle, and Jamie Noga for their contributions to these efforts. Increased OWTSIT work will be possible once Fred Pieper has time to resolve some technical issues.

Mr. Aman thanked Ms. Webster for all she has been doing to make working as smooth and safe as possible during the COVID pandemic.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by M. Fargo. Seconded by J. Sprague. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

Next Meeting:

Quorum will be essential to vote on Agreement for Services with SWCD

Tuesday, December 8 at 9:00am at the Hurley Building

Call-in option will depend on whether Gov. Cuomo extends this aspect regarding open meetings laws

Jamie M. Noga, Recorder