

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING

Commissioners / Alternate:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra
Mark Fargo, Village of Rushville
Jim Sprague, PE, City of Canandaigua

Other Attendees & Guests:

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector
Kevin Olvany, CLWCouncil (9:20)
Sheryl Robbins, PE, NYSDOH, Geneva District Office
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD

Meeting called to order at 9:03a.m.

Minutes of September 17, 2019 Meeting: Correct date from September 19 to September 17. Motion to approve with noted correction made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried.

Watershed Inspector's Report:

Mr. Ohle stated the violation noted on his report is about an open air cesspool within 90 ft. of the lakeshore in South Bristol. The property is seldom used and only seasonally. The problem was discovered via the 5-Year Inspection Program. Mr. Ohle is still working with the owner to abate the problem.

T. Ohle is spending time in the field with engineers whenever possible. He has reviewed quite a few plans lately, with more alternative systems than conventional. Motion to accept report as submitted: M. Fargo. Seconded by J. Sprague. Carried.

Designation of Claims Auditor Position: Ms. Webster brought up a suggestion made by Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., the CPA auditors for the SWCD. They recommend that the Conservation District Board and boards with which the District works designate a Claims Auditor to expedite payment of claims. While there are only a few claims between CLWC meetings and all claims are covered within the approved budget, the Commission is amenable to the suggestion. Motion by M. Fargo to appoint J. Sprague as the Designated Claims Auditor for the CLWC. Seconded by M. Aman. Carried.

Approval of Consultant Work and Fee Structure: As was consistent with prior discussions and e-mail exchanges, George Barden recently assisted with an inspection review for a system in need of an upgrade and also consulted regarding the Town of Middlesex and its new Septic Law. The two issues resulted in three hours of work by Mr. Barden. Motion to approve a \$50 per hour consulting fee for George Barden made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried. Motion to approve payment of \$150 invoice from George Barden for work noted above made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried.

Update on Website: The Watershed Inspection page of ontswcd.com now has links to meeting agendas and approved minutes. In addition, there is a password protected "Commissioners' page" which will help streamline communications. Alaina Robarge made the additions and taught Jamie Noga how to edit them in the future.

Update of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Law: Mr. Ohle relayed that the Town of Middlesex Code Enforcement Officer, Dawn Kane, confirmed their law has been adopted and filed with NYS so implementation will begin in 2020. Mr. Olvany stated that a code enforcement officer from a different municipality was concerned about increased design standards for hydraulic loading on properties near the lake. The issue is now settled with NYS though.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

NYSDOH: Ms. Robbins informed the group that a policy will be coming soon for sampling parameters regarding PFOA, PFOS and dioxane. Budgets will need to be adjusted accordingly. Water purveyors from various lakes (including Keuka, Seneca and Canandaigua) met yesterday to discuss HABs and felt 2019 went better than 2018 regarding plans and sampling processes.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs): General discussion was had which noted participation by Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association.

SWCD District: Some erosion and sediment control projects are going in in the watershed in the coming year, a Soil Health Workshop will be held February 12 and a Grazing Workshop & Pasture Walk in the Spring of 2020.

Set 2020 Organizational Meeting Date: See below.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Fargo. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

Next Meeting: Annual Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 9:00am at the Hurley Building

Jamie M. Noga, Recorder