

Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force Meeting
Honeoye Public Library
6:00 PM July 27th, 2023

Meeting called to order by Terry Gronwall at 6:21pm

Present: Linda Vanderbeck (HVA), Terry Gronwall (Canadice), Dorothy Gronwall (HVA), Mark Adams (Naples), Dave Baker (Richmond), Bruce Gilman (FLCC), Betsy Landre (OC Planning Dept.), Megan Webster (ONTSWCD), Carol Sherman, Sally Emens, George Emens

Approval of April 27th, 2023 meeting minutes moved MA, second LV, carried.

Approval of Financial Report moved DB, second LV, carried.

New Business:

Approval to pay OCSWCD 4Q22 2Q23 Services Invoice \$1,056.00 moved DB, second LV, carried.

Discovery of European frogbit- B. Gilman, FLCC

- This aquatic invasive plant has been found in the Honeoye Lake inlet near the lake. NYS PRISM has been notified. The recommendation is to hand pull the plant when identified. It was also found recently in the inlet to Canandaigua Lake.

Finger Lakes Watershed Grants Program- B. Landre, OCPD

- Grant proposal submitted on 7/21/23 for funding for a CD3 boat wash station for the Honeoye Lake Public Boat Launch site.
- This is a mobile boat cleaning station on a trailer that can be relocated as needed.
- The application has support from Towns of Canadice and Richmond and HLWTF will assist with outreach.

Old Business

DEC Pilot Study to Control Phosphorus in Honeoye Lake Update- T. Gronwall, HLWTF

- Samples have been submitted to Life Science Labs for analysis but no reports have been received yet. TG will follow up to determine reason.
- Water clarity has improved. Secchi disk readings for July show a 1m increase in relation to last year.
- Partial mixing events have occurred in the lake but no complete mixing to date.

2023 Weed Harvesting Program Update – B. Landre, OCPD

- No major mechanical issues this year with the harvester.

- First cutting has been completed based on homeowner requests and visual observation of need. Second cutting and shoreline removal with barge will occur in August.
- To date, 13 dump truck loads have been removed and taken to Schenk Homestead Farms for compost.

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District Update – M. Webster, OCSWCD

- Hemlock Wooley Adelgid treatment has been completed at Briggs Gully on Ontario County property and GLRI grant funds will also support treatment on adjacent Finger Lakes Land Trust and RMSC Cumming Nature Center properties.
- Through DEC WQIP Round 17, Town of Canadice has installed Fleximat along Canadice Hill Road. The Town will complete the second portion of this road later in the summer/autumn and then work on Jersey Hill portion.
- Town of Richmond has completed installation of drainage stabilization along East Lake Road. This work was funded through FLOWPA with the District providing design and technical support.
- DEC WQIP Round 18, the Town of Bristol plans to begin work on Egypt Road site in late Summer/Autumn 2023.
- OCSWCD has a new staff member starting in late August.

Sandy Bottom Park Lagoon Depth Survey– M. Webster, OCSWCD

- Survey is planned for late Summer 2023

Town of Richmond Outlet Creek and Mill Creek shale removal update – D. Baker, Richmond

- Work has begun under an Emergency Permit to remove material from Honeoye Outlet south of the 20A bridge to address the concern regarding persistent high lake water levels this year.
- Phase 2, planning and design, is underway for the Mill Creek/Honeoye Outlet project. NRCS and WQIP funding is being utilized and permitting is ongoing.
- Future efforts will focus on DEC WMA area north of the 20A bridge to reestablish the stream channel to improve flow.

T. Gronwall will send out water quality data when it is received from Life Science Labs.

Motion to Adjourn moved LV, seconded MA, carried.

Minutes recorded by Megan Webster – Ontario County SWCD

Chairperson: Tony Gronwall Date: 10/24/23

2023 HLWTF meeting schedule Oct. 26 at 6 PM at the Honeoye Public Library