

Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force Meeting

Honeoye Public Library

6:00 PM April 25th, 2024

Meeting called to order by Terry Gronwall at 6:00 pm.

Present: Linda Vanderbeck (HVA), Terry Gronwall (HLWTF), Dorothy Gronwall (HVA), Betsy Landre (OCPD), Mark Adams (Naples), Bruce Gilman (FLCC), Katie Lafler (ONTSWCD)

Approval of October 26th, 2023 meeting minutes moved by MA, second LV, carried.

Approval of Financial Report moved by LV, second MA, carried.

New Business

Approval to pay OCSWCD 4Q23 Services Invoice \$792.00 and 1Q24 Services Invoice \$382.50 moved by MA, second LV, carried.

Approval for 2024 Life Science Labs (water quality samples) \$2,500.00 moved by MA, second LV, carried.

Old Business

Honeoye Lake Watershed Land Use-Land Cover – Dr. Bruce Gilman, Professor Emeritus FLCC

- Presentation was given regarding historic land use in the Honeoye Lake watershed and how that has changed in the last 100 years. These changes have had impacts to the watershed and are important to consider when discussing lake restoration actions.

European frogbit has been found in the Honeoye Lake inlet near the lake. Update – Bruce Gilman

- FLCC will be coordinating a hand pulling event in early/mid-summer. The college will utilize the permit currently held by the Finger Lakes Institute for invasive species removal.

Finger Lakes Watershed Grants Program Award (Dec. 2023) Update – B. Landre, OCPD

- Project kick off meeting will be scheduled for mid-May with hopes for installation by Summer 2024. This unit utilizes compressed air as opposed to hot water for decontamination.

2024 Weed Harvesting Program Plans – B. Landre, OCPD

- The majority of staff will be returning and the season is scheduled for approximately July 4th through Labor Day weekend.

DEC Pilot Study to Control Phosphorus in Honeoye Lake Update – Terry Gronwall, HLWTF

- The 2023 water quality data didn't support the predicted improvement based on the 2022 treatment.

DEC WQIP Aeration Engineering Planning Grant Project – B. Landre, OCPD, T. Gronwall

- No activity due to DEC Alum Treatment Pilot monitoring for 3-5 years.

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District Grant Projects – Katie Lafler, OCSWCD

- The District did not receive the award for funding from GLRI for further HWA treatment. Additional sources of funding will be researched and pursued. If any towns have projects they would like considered for WQIP funding please reach out to Katie to schedule a visit. This includes all roadside stabilization work.

Town of Richmond Outlet Creek and Mill Creek Master Plan Project Update – S. Barnhoorn
DEC released permit application for public review April 17. Public comment due May 2.
<https://dec.ny.gov/news/environmental-notice-bulletin/2024-04-17/completed-application/town-of-richmond-honeoye-creek/mill-creek> . Once public comment period is closed and comments addressed the town hopes to move forward with construction.

2023 HLWTF Projects –

Published 2024 HLWTF Newsletter in January 2024 – T. Gronwall, HLWTF
Collect lake water quality data May-October 2024 – T. Gronwall, HLWTF
Blue-green Algae blooms reported to NYSDEC (Jun-Oct 2024) – T. Gronwall
HLWTF weekly water quality blog updates (May-Oct. 2024) – T. Gronwall

Motion to adjourn moved by MA, second LV, carried

Minutes recorded by Katie Lafler – Ontario County SWCD

Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

Next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2024 at 6 pm at the Honeoye Public Library.