

Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force Meeting

Honeoye Public Library
Thursday July 27th, 2017

Called to order by Terry Gronwall at 6:03 pm at the Honeoye Public Library.

Present: Steve Barnhoorn (Town of Richmond), Betsy Landre (Ontario County Planning Department), Terry Gronwall (HWLTF), Dorothy Gronwall (HLWTF), Mark Adams (Town of Naples), Megan Webster (Ontario SWCD), Caroline Sauers (HVA)

Approval of April 27th, 2017 minutes: Moved by SB, second by MA, carried.

Financial Report: The current balance is \$16,773.60. Moved by MA, second by SB, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: TG shared a recent video of flooding events.

FLI Invasive Species Grant for \$5,000 Awarded to HVA

TG explained funds have been used to provide invasive species prevention brochures and signage at Sandy Bottom Park boat launch with the Clean, Drain, Dry outreach info, thanks to Scott Harris from the Town of Richmond for installation. Also, at Trident Marine boat launch.

2017 Yard Waste Composting Project Update –Betsy Landre, OCPD & Terry Gronwall, HLWTF

TG shared that the program has been quiet; SB has received no feedback or comments. TG will ask the Town of Richmond Board for continued support of the program at the August Board Mtg.

2017 Weed Harvesting Program Update – Betsy Landre, OCPW

SB shared a concern that has been voiced over the harvester and algal blooms. TG and BL both shared info on a current study to look into connections between harvesting and blue-green alae blooms. The discussion focused on the lack of strong data showing a correlation between harvesting and blooms and that a number of other factors triggering blooms are involved. BL shared the harvester has been working around the lake and a variety of weeds have been found. The next target areas will be Burns Point and Francis Shores. An estimated 105 tons (21 loads) have been removed so far this year. The community has come together to help clean beaches and assist with barge work that has been very popular.

DEC WQIP Round 11 Honeoye Lake Restoration Project Update –M. Webster ONTSWCD

MW shared projects are progressing with many completed, with Forestry BMP Workshop, Curtis Road Project and sediment control basins/ditch plugs at the Inlet ongoing. The County should be installing debris guards in Cratsley Gully this Fall. A contractor was selected to install sediment control basins/ditch plugs at the Inlet this Fall. An extension of the grant to December 31st, 2018 was given.

DEC WQIP Round 12 Inlet Restoration Project Update – M. Webster ONTSWCD

Monitoring work continues at the Inlet project. The enhancement work scheduled for this Fall is moving forward with a contractor selected to install the pothole wetlands and berm enhancement work. K.L. Warren, who initially constructed the channel, will be the contractor.

DEC Honeoye Lake Total Maximum Daily Load Project Update – Terry Gronwall, HLWTF Target schedule - Draft TMDL Report Fall 2017

TG stated DEC is targeting the TMDL Report to be completed in Fall 2017. The DEC would like

priority project suggestions to be included in the report. The group will speak/e-mail further to come up with recommended mitigation actions.

Watershed Management Plan Update and Nine Element Plan Discussion – Terry Gronwall
TG has contacted Liz Moran of EcoLogic for an estimate for creating a Watershed Management Plan and received an estimate of \$75,000-100,000. David Zorn at the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council has previously given an estimate of \$100,000-200,000 for an update. The County and the Task Force have worked on putting together a grant proposal, and determined based on the project timeline of 2 years, the application should be put on hold till current lake research projects and DEC TMDL Study are completed.

HLWTF Logo Project Update – Dorothy Gronwall – HLWTF
DG presented a few options for a logo based on last meeting's discussion. A logo (attached) was selected.

2017 HLWTF Projects – Terry Gronwall
TG presented material from HVA Annual Meeting: <https://hvaweb.org/2017-Annual-Meeting>. There was discussion of blue green algae and warm spring conditions, as well as the Town swimming beach at the north end of the lake. TG mentioned cases of curtains being used to block algae from blowing into the swimming area; he will do research on effectiveness, cost etc. and distribute the article he has on curtains. TG shared results from recent water quality monitoring and ongoing research projects as seen in the above link.

New Business

Approval to pay OCSWCD 2Q17 Services Invoices for \$877.50. Moved by MA, second by SB, carried.

Next Meeting is October 26th, 2017 at Honeoye Public Library.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm Moved by MW, second by SB, carried.

Minute Recorder: Megan Webster – Ontario County SWCD

Chairperson

Terry Gronwall

Date Approved

10/26/17

