

**Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force Meeting  
GoToMeeting Conference Call Due to COVID-19  
6:00 PM October 22nd, 2020**

**Called to order by Terry Gronwall at 6:00pm via GoToMeeting.**

**Present:**

**Terry Gronwall (Canadice)**

**Dorothy Gronwall (HVA)**

**Dave Baker (Richmond)**

**Mark Adams (Naples)**

**Lindsay McMillan (HVA)**

**Megan Webster (ONTSWCD)**

**Ann Jacobs (South Bristol) joined at 6:10pm**

**Bruce Gillman (FLCC) joined at 6:12pm**

Approval of October 24th, 2019 meeting minutes **Moved by DB, seconded MA, carried.**

Approval of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes **Moved by MA, seconded LM, carried.**

Approval of Financial Report **Moved by DB, seconded MA, carried.**

**New Business**

Approval to pay OCSWCD 3Q20 Services Invoice \$609.00 **Moved by MA, seconded LM, carried.**

Approval for OCSWCD Services Contract for January 2021 through December 2022 **Moved by DB, seconded LM, carried.**

**Old Business**

**Betsy Landre was unable to attend the meeting and submitted the following report:**

**Weed Harvesting Program Update:** A 2020 season report will be available for the next meeting. The big news is that Randy DePew plans to retire and Ontario County expresses sincerest appreciation to him for his more than three decades of service to this program and the residents of Honeoye Lake. He has been an extraordinarily hard worker and the backbone of operations on the lake. The Planning Dept. will be recognizing him in the smallest of gatherings on Monday morning after a debrief meeting. He has requested no public gathering in light of COVID-19. If anyone is inclined to wish him well, you can simply send an email to [betsy.landre@co.ontario.ny.us](mailto:betsy.landre@co.ontario.ny.us) and I will be sure to print and share your sentiments with him.

The group discussed preparing a Certificate of Appreciation for Randy DePew to be presented by Betsy at the Planning Dept gathering. Megan will prepare the digital certificate on behalf of the HLWTF and also prepare a hard copy to be mailed to Randy. **Motion to approve a Certificate of Appreciation for Randy DePew based on his 30 years of service to the community of Honeoye Lake moved by TG, seconded by AJ, carried.**

It was discussed that Canadice and Richmond might need to have extra staff to assist with weed harvesting. DB has had community input that residents would like to see weed pickup begin in June. The harvesting program will be discussed further at the January meeting.

**Custom Barge Conveyor Update:** The barge has been transported to Alpha Boats Unlimited in Weedsport, under contract with the County for conveyor design/manufacture/installation. This project was already delayed when COVID-19 hit, and the vendor stopped all work over several months in 2020. We have been told the conveyor will be installed on-site at Alpha Boats in the coming months.

**Aeration Destratification System Engineering Design:** Ontario County received from DEC and signed a state contract for WQIP-16 Planning Grant funds awarded in 2019. With this indication of commitment from NYS, the Planning Dept. and HLWTF have initiated a review committee to evaluate two proposals submitted earlier in 2020. Both potential consultants have expressed continuing interest in the project. The review committee should have a recommendation to the Ontario County Board of Supervisors to award a contract to a preferred consultant before year end. The project work is likely to be scheduled for 2021, barring any fiscal obstacles related to the state grant funding. The consultant will develop an engineering design for an aeration system, including performance standards, equipment specifications, site recommendations, operating schedule, identification of potential impacts and required permits, and a cost estimate. A public information component is also required.

TG reported that funding for the contract may be modified from NYS. There currently is \$30,000 from NYS WQIP program and \$2,000 from the Ontario County WRC program so the HLWTF may need to supplement additional funds depending on budget.

**Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District 2020 Plans:** MW reviewed current District projects and referred attendees to the OCSWCD Autumn newsletter at [www.ontswcd.com](http://www.ontswcd.com). The District has been working with the Town of Richmond on various permit applications for stream culvert installation and gravel removal projects. DB mentioned the ongoing beaver issue and stated a permit has been received from NYS DEC to remove both beaver and dam.

**NYS HABs Action Plan Update:** TG reported that alum treatment monitoring studies undertaken by NYSDEC that were supposed to be completed in 2020 will now continue through 2021.

**Position Paper Review & Discussion:** TG will work with DB to complete the position paper on lake level management.

**General Discussion:** It was noted by the group that water quality in Honeoye Lake was exceptional this year with Secchi disk readings of up to 8.3m. Possible contributing factors included limited external loading with drought and Inlet restoration project, deeper thermocline with late first mixing event, large zooplankton (daphnia) levels feeding on algae and the booming walleye fishery.

**Newsletter:** There will be a Winter 2021 newsletter for HLWTF.

**2021 HLWTF Meeting schedule:** Thursday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, & Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Video conferencing may be available due to COVID-19 concerns.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:55pm moved by DB, second by MA, carried.

Minute Recorder: Megan Webster – Ontario County SWCD

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_