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Honeoye Lake Watershed Taskforce
MEETING MINUTES
6/26/13

Called to order by Chairman Terry Gronwall at 7:00 pm at the FLCC Mueller Field Station

Present: P.J. Emerick (OCSWCD), Terry Gronwall, Al Favro (Bristol), Steve Barnhoorn (Richmond), Mark Adams (Naples), Stevie Adams (The Nature Conservancy), Bill Hershey (Canadice), Bruce Gilman (FLCC), Dorothy Gronwall, Betsy Landre (OC Planning Dept.).

Introductions: TG welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked everyone for coming. TG requested everyone introduce himself or herself.

Approval of the February 5th, 2013 meeting minutes- moved by SB, second by BH, carried.

Approval of the June 19th, 2012 meeting minutes- moved by BH seconded by AF, carried.

Financial Report: PE provided a brief overview of the current QuickBooks financial report. The report was passed around to all in attendance.

Honeoye Lake Watershed Local laws Update- TG provided a brief overview and background on the meeting that was held last night with members of the Ontario County Planning Dept and members of the municipalities within the Honeoye Lake Watershed. A NYS Dept of State grant was awarded to fund a field component to inventory and assess streams and complete a local law and codes review. The OCSWCD completed the stream inventory and made recommendations on stabilization. The Ontario County Planning Department and the Genesee/Finger lakes Region Planing Council will complete the local law and codes review. These planning agencies will review their ideas and suggestions with each municipality within the watershed at a later date. Some examples discussed during the meeting last night included looking at erosion and sediment control, waste water systems, steep slopes ordinances, and roadway maintenance. SA asked who from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council would review the local laws. BG explained that Dave Zorn would be completing the review. Discussion occurred on the desired outcome of the local law review portion. TG passed around the information that was provided during last nights meeting. SA asked if Towns with land in both the Honeoye Lake and Canandaigua Lake watersheds have existing rules and regulations. BG explained that some do, but not all. TG expressed his confidence in the Ontario County Planning Department and the Genesee/ Finger Lakes Regional Planning Councils ability, and he is confident the work will be done well.

WQIP DEC Honeoye Lake Restoration Grant- PE provided a brief update regarding the history of the grant and the closeout date. PE also passed around some photos of the projects that have been completed by the Ontario County Highway Department as well as some that are currently under construction. PE also thanked the County Highway Department staff and Tim Mc Elligott for doing such a great job. BH also explained that the Town of Canadice would be doing some work under this grant in the next few days and weeks. TG explained this was a large grant that OSWCD wrote and will help greatly with the suggestions in the current watershed management plan. SB asked how beneficial these completed projects are to the watershed. PE feels they will be very beneficial to reduce erosion and improve water quality within the watershed.

Princeton Hydro Proposal to update the Honeoye Lake Hydrologic and Nutrient Budgets- TG explained the proposal that was submitted by Princeton Hydro. TG explained this study would look at watershed and the five largest contributors of sediments to the lake. The watershed will be characterized and modeled. SA explained that she was awarded a grant funding in the amount of $16,000.00 to help fund most of this proposal. The Hydrologic Modeling software and GIS information has come a long way since the Honeoye Lake watershed management plan was created in 2007. TG feels this project and the NYS Department of State grant will give us a great amount of data that we could use for any future grant opportunities that may become available. BG explained that the Nature Conservancy now mangers the property to the south of the inlet and they will play a very important roll in any future work.

2013 Ontario County Water Resources Grant-

- **Honeoye Lake Resident water quality educational outreach**. - TG explained the grant funding and what the grant was written for. TG and DG along with others created and disseminated handout materials and a magnet to lakeshore residence. Discussion occurred on the benefits and the high quality of the material that TG passed around to the group. BL asked how the material was handed out. TG explained that they were handed out person to person. SA also added that The Nature Conservancy received a grant to survey every boat launch regarding several invasive species, not just Hydrilla.
- **Wastewater Systems Educational Program**- PE discussed the grant funding and passed around a draft PowerPoint presentation that Edith Davey from the OCSWCD created. The presentation will be open to all County residents, but PE is hoping to capture several residents from the Honeoye Lake watershed also.
- **Honeoye Lake Lagoon & Outlet Sedimentation Survey**- PE explained the funding and what it has been allocated to provide. The survey will be completed later this fall and the data will be used to compare to previous data that was obtained the OCSWCD. If the data shows the capacity of the lagoon has been reduced, dredging could be an option if the Towns chose to support this. The total station survey work will be completed by both the Ontario County SWCD and the Cayuga County SWCD. Both Ed Jackson and TG have offered to use their boats to assist with the survey. BG also offered the use of the FLCC boat.
- **Mercury Levels in Fish of the Finger Lakes**- BG explained the original WRC grant. Black nosed dace will be captured and tested to determine if there is a high level of mercury content in the fish. If so, this could be an indicator that mercury is also present at high levels on other, larger species of fish. TG recognized the Ontario County Water Resources Council for there commitments to water quality work.

2013 HLWTF Projects Update

- **Educational Outreach Newsletter for all residents**- TG passed around a draft copy of the newsletter that Edith Davey from OCSWCD created. TG expressed the HLWTF desire to have this newsletter placed on the Towns, OCSWCD and other websites and also have hard copies available at the libraries and Town Halls. Everyone agreed this is a great idea and would be very useful. TG asked everyone in attendance to review the draft and provide any comments, suggestions to PE or Edith or himself. BH suggested replacing Darlys name with Tom Harvey since he is the new Ontario County Planning Director.
- **Survey Highway Superintendents for BMP training**- PE explained that Edith Davey called two separate times to offer training courses and has not yet received a response. PE is confident that when things slow down for the Highway Departments, we may receive some requests. TG asked all Town supervisors to encourage their Highway Departments to take OSWCD up on their offer of training.
- **Collect selected stream segment water quality samples**- BH informed everyone he has several approved sampling locations. There are 3 sites and 4 samples will be taken at each of the 3 sites. TG said BH would have data available for review at our next meeting.
- **Collect ten sets of lake water quality data June- Sept**- TG informed everyone he and Dorothy will collect eight samples collecting data on temperature, dissolved oxygen and sechi disk readings at the deepest part of the lake. TG explained the results he has to date. BG asked what Life Science labs would be testing for. TG explained they will be testing for Chlorophyll a, low

level total phosphorous and soluble reactive phosphorous. This is a continuation of the sampling past Chairman Jack Starke had done. DG reminded everyone that Jack Starke is still keeping the data and entering it into his database.

Honeoye Lake 2013 Weed Harvesting Program Update- BL informed everyone the harvester is out on the lake, and there is a new operator, Bob Corey, and he is currently out harvesting. OC Planning Department has sent a letter to homeowners. The letter includes release forms to allow the harvester to operate near waterlines and also a release to allow us to mark waterlines. The County Attorneys office required these releases. The website will be updated early next week, and will link to the Town and the Honeoye Valley Association. TG asked if the release forms will be available on the website. BG said it would. BL explained that after taking with OCSWCD, the OC Planning Department will be contracting with Cayuga County SWCD for up to five days of their operators time to come over and provide training and suggestions to our operators. AF asked what the deadline is for the release forms to be filled out. BL said the forms will be on the website and there isn't a specific deadline. Discussion occurred regarding the harvesting that took place last year and the algal bloom that occurred. BL also thanked BG for offering to mark waterlines this year. TG said that he would pick up BG at 8:00AM on July 1st to mark the waterlines. BG asked how many owners requested marking. BL said there are approximately 24. BG asked if people are aware of the wetland boundaries on the north and south end of the lake. Discussion occurred and BL offered to look up the wetland boundaries and buffer area.

New Business

- **Approval of $2,200 of HLWTF to be combined with the $16,000.00 Nature Conservancy Grant to fund the $18,200.00 Princeton Hydro proposal. Moved by BH, second by SB, carried.**
- **Approval of the OCSWCD 1st quarter invoice in the amount of $1,720.50. Moved by AF, second by SA, carried.**

BG inquired about Steve Souza's scheduling for proposal kick off meeting. TG is going to schedule a meeting for either July 23rd, 24th or 25th. The meeting will most likely take six or eight hours.

Information Exchange- SB received an email correspondence from a Town resident regarding possible re-use of stormwater and the availability of rain barrels. BH said the sewer district has an intern working currently to make sure that stormwater is not entering the sanitary sewer system. SB will forward the email to PE and Edith Davey so they can respond to the resident. SB also discussed Ontario Counties desire to ban brine water from gas drilling operation from being used as a de-icing agent on our roads. SB feels this is a wise decision. BG and BL discussed the upcoming workshops on blue-green algae. There are two workshops; July 17th at the Ramada Inn in Amherst and July 18th at the Holiday Inn in Auburn. BG informed everyone that four HLWTF members would be attending the July 17th workshop. BG said that topics to be discussed at the meeting would be the problems and health risks associated with Blue Green Algae. There is no fee and lunch will be provided. Contact BG for more information. BG also reported that July 13th is the Honeoye Valley Association Annual meeting at the United Church of Christ. TG and BG will be attending. TG will schedule the next HLWTF meeting for sometime in September or October of 2013.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm. Moved by SB second by AF carried:

Minute recorder: P.J. Emerick - Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District