

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE December 10, 2024 MEETING

Commissioners / Alternate:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra
Sarah Brown, City of Canandaigua
Mike Gonzalez, Village of Newark
Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Village of Rushville
Jim Morse, Town of Gorham

Other Attendees:

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD
Kevin Olvany, CLWCouncil

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Minutes of October 1, 2024 Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as submitted made by S. Brown. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried.

Inspector's Report: T. Ohle stated his total number of inspections is up from last year. Many property owners in Middlesex were timely about participating in the 5-year inspection requirement this year. The amount of design reviews reflect an increase in additions to homes.

Projects of note regarding the Septic System Replacement Fund include a property in Yates County where a homemade septic tank (probably installed in the 1960s or 1970s) was replaced; a system on Sunnyside Rd. in Middlesex with a steel septic tank was inspected that requires replacement; and a microbial inoculator system on Granger Point Dr. was installed as part of the Replacement Fund. In Naples, Finger Lakes Environmental inspected a system for deed transfer where they found a failed metal tank on Italy Valley Road and a direct greywater discharge from a kitchen sink and dishwasher.

Group discussed process when people ignore the initial 5-year inspection requirement letters they receive.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

CLWCouncil: K. Olvany noted he's busy with year end projects including one affecting the area around Deuel and Foster Roads. Lindsey McMillan, currently of the Watershed Association, has been hired by the Watershed Council. She will be working full-time, with a focus on grants.

SWCD: M. Webster relayed that the District is busy wrapping up things for the year, including multiple erosion control projects in the Canandaigua Lake Watershed such as aquatic passage at Eelpot Creek. 2025 will have a heavy workload, including more projects in this watershed.

General Discussion: M. Aman noted there are no obvious alternatives to where municipal sludge will go given that the Ontario County Landfill is slated to close. Group discussed PFAS.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by S. Brown. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried. Adjourned at 9:20am.

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 9:00am

Jamie M. Noga, Recorder