

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE January 9, 2024 MEETING

Commissioners / Alternate:

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

Other Attendees:

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD
Kendall Larsen, NYSDOH Geneva District Office

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

Minutes of December 12, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve made by J. Sprague. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried.

2024 Election of Officers and Appointments: Motion to continue with current slate of officers for another year made by J. Morse and seconded by J. Sprague: M. Aman for Chair; M. Gonzalez for Vice Chair; Tyler Ohle for Secretary. In addition, the *Daily Messenger* will continue as the Commission's official newspaper. Carried. Note: J. Sprague continues to serve as Claims Auditor.

Raw Water Withdrawal Figures Status: Thus far, numbers for Palmyra and Canandaigua were submitted to Mr. Ohle. Invoices for the Watershed Inspection Program will be generated by the SWCD and mailed as soon as possible.

Revised 2024 Budget: Though waiting for final federal government approval, the federal pay scale increase for full-time employee will be 5.46% so the 2024 budget will be adjusted to accommodate this. Some money will be transferred from the consulting fee line. Motion to approve 2024 Revised Budget as submitted made by C. Vadner-Hilton. Seconded by M. Gonzalez. Carried.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

SWCD: M. Webster noted that Round 4 of the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund Program includes our area. Ontario County has until the end of January to agree to participate. It provides for a 50% cost share (up to \$10,000) for residential properties to upgrade or replace septic systems which are failing or like to fail and are within 200ft of the shoreline on designated water bodies. Round 1 included Canandaigua Lake and was very successful, with 24 systems funded by \$200,000 provided by the state. Round 4 has expanded coverage and will include Grimes Creek. Tyler, Jamie, Tad, and Megan in particular will work on behalf of the SWCD with the County to implement this program. It is one of many projects getting started in 2024.

NYSDOH: K. Larsen noted that Sheryl Robbins will retire in April 2025. The SWCD will start to copy Kendall on future correspondence. He also noted that there were very few HABs during 2023.

2024 Meeting Dates: Motion made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Gonzalez. Carried.

March 12

June 11

September 10

December 10

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by J. Sprague. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 9:00am