

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

MINUTES OF THE October 1, 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
At 9:15, NYSDOH reps arrived:
Cecilia McAuliffe and Kendall Larsen

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Minutes of June 18, 2024 Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as submitted made by M. Gonzalez. Seconded by C. Hilton-Vadner. Carried.

Inspector's Report: T. Ohle stated the summer was very busy. Within the Canandaigua Lake Watershed, 14 applications were approved and 4 were denied in Ontario County. He also approved 3 applications from Yates County. Failing systems identified in the last few months include one located approximately 60ft from the lake, another (in Middlesex) is 40ft from the shoreline and a leak was exposed 20ft from the lake.

The 5 year inspection laws done recently revealed 2 failed tanks, 1 failed pump approximately 70ft from the lake and countless high water level alarm failures. There were many root intrusion situations and many opportunities to educate people regarding their systems.

Samples from the Town of Middlesex parking lot discussed previously tested positive for excess fecal content. It is privately owned. The only source of the breakout Mr. Ohle can think of is the seepage pit for the Post Office across the street, but has been unable to trace it.

Many inspections are being done by private OTN registered inspectors and they've been good about sending us the reports.

Introductions: Cecilia McAuliffe was introduced. She is assuming the duties of Sheryl Robbins at NYSDOH.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

NYSDOH: K. Larsen stated the Dept. is trying to remove itself from the noted Middlesex parking lot issue. He also expressed that HABs have not been a problem regarding water withdrawals from Canandaigua Lake, but Geneva has had problems.

SWCD: M. Webster relayed that summer was a busy season, including Ag BMP projects, stream connectivity project, and working with the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition. Five years of funding from NYS starts in 2025. Upcoming outreach and education include Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition training on October 22 and a Water Workshop on November 21 which offers CEUs. The 2025 Part B Project will be updating the campaign for Managing Water Resources.

General Discussion: J. Morse asked about weeds at Deep Run. Ms. Webster said Kevin Olvany is taking the lead on that.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by J. Morse. Seconded by M. Gonzalez. Carried. Adjourned at 9:30am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 9:00am

Jamie M. Noga, Recorder