

# CHAUTAUQUA LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

Thursday, May 6, 2010

4:30 pm in room 331 of the Gerace Office Building  
Mayville, NY 14757

### **Attendance:**

*Members present:* Sally Carlson, Tom Erlandson, Lyle Hajdu, Wade Morse, Andrew Nixon, Karen Rine, Joan Warner, Art Webster, and Chris Yates

*Members absent:* Lyle Jensen

*Technical Advisors:* Dave Wilson (SWCD)

*Partners:* Bill Boria (DOH); Betsy Hite (CCE); John Jablonski (CWC); Kim Sherwood (WEMO); Jay Warren (UE); Sue Weaver (CLP)

### **I. Call to Order**

Hajdu called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the meeting on April 1, 2010, were received without amendment.

### **III. Introduction of Guests**

None.

### **IV. Public Expression**

- a. Bill Boria complained that he was not receiving emails, and requested that Constantino forward CLMC communications to his department.
- b. John Jablonski announced that CWC would be conducting two watershed tours: June 9, 2010 at Dewittville Creek; and June 23, 2010 at Goose Creek.
- c. Kim Sherwood invited members to attend a watershed tour on May 15, 2010.
- d. Sue Weaver reported that she had read an environmental education book to grade school students during agriculture literacy week. Weaver commented on the watershed cleanup at Burtis Park, where volunteers collected litter and debris from the shoreline. Weaver expressed frustration that the County Transfer Station was not willing to accept the materials, despite a County resolution supporting the environmental cleanup. Dave Wilson commented that the landfill

accepted the Town of Stockton's debris, and recommended that future initiatives be better coordinated among the transfer stations and land fill.

**V. Chairman's Comments**

Hajdu reported that Constantino will distribute final draft copies of the watershed management plan for public review. Hajdu noted that the document is accompanied by an executive summary and 5-year action plan. Hajdu reminded members that developing a comprehensive management plan for the watershed was a core mission of the CLMC, and praised the many individuals who worked to complete this objective.

**VI. Coordinator's Comments**

Constantino distributed a draft copy of the 2009 Annual Report of the 2% Bed Tax Lakes And Waterways Projects. Constantino reported that he was working in the field at Dewittville Creek and Crescent Creek with the Academy of Natural Sciences, who are completing a subwatershed study. The consultants were comparing measured data with watershed model data. Constantino advised members that the final draft of the watershed management plan was available on-line at the County's Planning Department website: [www.planningchautauqua.com](http://www.planningchautauqua.com). He encouraged each member to review the document and to submit any comments as soon as possible prior to the public meeting on June 10, 2010. Constantino and Hajdu will meet with Conroe to determine what additional services the TAC should perform with regard to the final draft.

**VII. Technical Advisors' Comments**

None.

**VIII. Member/Partner Reports**

- a. Carlson reported that several municipalities and volunteer organizations participated in the *Pickup Chautauqua* Spring Cleanup across the County. Carlson expressed frustration that the County transfer stations were not fully aware and supportive of the event. Hajdu praised Carlson for taking on the initiative.
- b. Betsy Hite reviewed a calendar of events for 2010, including a rain barrel sale at the Chautauqua Mall on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Bill Boria announced the countywide water tasting event at the Chautauqua Mall on May 14, 2010.

**IX. Old Business**

**a. Final Draft of Watershed Management Plan**

Constantino distributed copies of the final draft of the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan, including the 5-year action plan. The executive summary will be posted on-line in the near future. With regard to the action plan, Constantino explained how

the proposed projects were organized according to overall goals and objectives. Each project identifies associated costs and resources, responsible parties to complete the work, as well as a timeframe for the project to be completed. Constantino encouraged all members and partners to review the materials and to advise him of any concerns or corrections. He noted that this final draft incorporated comments previously submitted. Hajdu explained that he and Constantino drafted a simple one-page statement that appears as the preface to the document. Hajdu asked if any members objected to the language, and felt that it would be appropriate to have an acknowledgment following the preface to identify all involved parties. Erlandson recommended that “invertebrates” be included under the array of *critters* living in the watershed. Yates agreed that it would be appropriate to have an acknowledgement, so that readers would understand the collaborative partnership involved in developing this document. Nixon suggested that past members also be recognized. Hajdu stated that he and Constantino would amend the preface and draft a proposed acknowledgment page. Hajdu stated that the final document should be presented to the County Legislature, along with our specific recommendations. Yates stated that the CLMC will not fulfill its original charge unless it makes a formal presentation and delivery to the Legislature. Constantino scheduled a public forum for June 10, 2010, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at a location to be announced later [Fletcher Music Hall in the Chautauqua Institution].

**b. SAV Plan**

Rine reminded members that the Watershed Management Plan specifically recommends developing a separate management plan for submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). While she is aware that the CLMC did not have sufficient resources to develop both plans simultaneously, she strongly encouraged the CLMC to now engage in the development of the SAV plan since the watershed plan is near completion. As the representative of the CLP, Rine offered financial assistance and specifically recommended that the plan be developed utilizing local talent and experience. Constantino reported that he and Hajdu had discussed the matter with Rine and Erlandson, and later with Conroe, to outline a potential course of action for completion of the SAV plan. Hajdu recognized the wealth of local expertise, and supported retaining a team of local experts who have knowledge and experience that is unique to our particular lake and watershed. Constantino reported that he would meet with County Personnel to evaluate options and determine a proper course of action for developing the SAV management plan.

**c. Reappointment of CLMC Members**

Hajdu requested that all member organizations submit written recommendations addressed to the County Executive identifying a candidate to serve on the CLMC board for a one-year term. Letters may be submitted to Constantino for collection.

**X. New Business**

Erlandson suggested that the CLMC hold its monthly meetings at alternative locations that are more centrally located. Hajdu stated that he would address the issue with the County Executive and report back.

**XI. Summary of Actions Taken**

- Constantino will forward all CLMC correspondence to Bill Boria and the Department of Health to ensure their receipt of materials;
- All members should review the final draft of the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan and submit any comments or concerns to Constantino as soon as possible;
- All members should attend the public forum scheduled for June 10, 2010, and should recruit others to attend;
- Hajdu and Constantino would amend the preface and draft an acknowledgment page;
- Members should submit written recommendations to the County Executive identifying a candidate to serve on the CLMC board for a one-year term.

**XII. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 4:30 pm, at the Stow Senior Center in North Harmony.

**XIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Rine, Secretary.