

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2010

5:30 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, and Chris Yates

Members absent: Joan Warner (excused), Art Webster (excused), Lyle Jensen

Technical Advisors: Jane Conroe, Dave Wilson

Partners: Rick Constantino (Watershed Coordinator); John Jablonski (CWC); Kim Sherwood (WEMO)

I. Call to Order

Hajdu called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on February 4, 2010, were accepted without amendment.

III. Introduction of Guests

None.

IV. Public Expression

None.

V. Chairman's Comments

Hajdu reported that he and Constantino had been working with the consultants to finalize a standard format that will facilitate ranking and implementation of recommendations under the watershed management plan. Once the consultants deliver a 5-year action plan in standard format, then it will be necessary for the CLMC to schedule a special meeting to rank recommendations and promote implementation of projects.

VI. Coordinator's Comments

a. Status of Watershed Management Plan

Constantino reported that he had reviewed all comments submitted by members of CLMC, TAC, and MPAC who have reviewed the watershed management plan. These comments were documented

and forwarded to the consultants. Constantino stated that he was actively working with the consultants to develop a 5-year action plan. The consultants are expected to submit the revised watershed management plan, executive summary, and action plan near the end of March. These materials will be shared with the public for 1-2 weeks, then a public forum will be scheduled. Erlandson inquired about the number of printed copies that will be made available. Constantino noted that the materials will be available in electronic format as pdf files that will be available for downloading from the county's website. Nixon suggested that the executive summary also be available in electronic format. Conroe estimated that the public forum would be scheduled in April 2010, and noted that teachers, students, and parents may not be available due to school break. Conroe also inquired if the revised document would be in final form. Constantino reported that the revised document would be subject to public changes and comments.

b. Bed Tax Grants

Constantino reported that the 2% bed tax grant process is underway, with applications due by June 1, 2010.

VII. Technical Advisors' Comments

None.

VIII. Member/Partner Reports

None.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

a. Education Program

Erlandson presented the power point program developed by the committee of Webster, Carlson, Erlandson, and Warner to educate the public about CLMC activities. CLMC members reviewed the program slide-by-slide and offered comments and suggestions. Erlandson stated that the materials are ready for presentation on demand, and encouraged CLMC members and partners to participate as presenters.

b. Spring Cleanup

Carlson reported on efforts to promote a volunteer program to clean up the Chautauqua County watershed. Activities would likely occur on or about Earth Day on April 22, 2010. Carlson stated that she would be contacting local schools and municipalities to recruit volunteers, and noted that the County's landfill agreed that collected materials could be disposed without charge. Wilson

suggested that the program be advertised as an environmental cleanup of litter and debris so that people would not attempt to dispose of hazardous wastes and materials. Carlson reported that she was meeting with Tom Osbourn, who organized the Conewango Creek cleanup in 2009. Jablonski noted that CWC coordinated with the Jamestown BPU on past cleanup efforts, which included a centralized collection and disposal site. Sherwood noted that the Conewango cleanup is along streams only. Yates inquired how the endeavor would specifically relate to the watershed. Hajdu recognized that an important objective of the CLMC is to develop partnerships and relationships, which such a program would promote. Nixon suggested naming the event so as to promote the watershed. Erlandson was concerned that there was insufficient time to properly organize the event, which was a concern also shared by Sherwood. Carlson acknowledged that time was limited, but felt that the resultant cleanup would justify the effort. Conroe stated that a local envirothon team annually cleans up Bemus Point area. Wilson stated that he can coordinate efforts with the boy scouts, girl scouts, and 4-H clubs. Carlson noted that the local highway departments are an essential participant.

XI. Summary of Actions Taken

- Erlandson and his committee will finalize the education program and offer presentations to area groups.
- Constantino will coordinate with the consultants to finalize a 5-year action plan for review and consideration by CLMC.
- Carlson will recruit volunteers from area schools, municipalities, and other groups to participate in a countywide clean up of the Chautauqua County watershed on or near Earth Day.

XII. Schedule Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 4:30 pm, in room 331 of the Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Rine, Secretary.