

# Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission

## MINUTES OF THE June 18, 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

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am.

**Minutes of March 12, 2024 Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes as submitted made by M. Gonzalez. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried.

**Inspector's Report:** South Bristol situation previously noted that was directly discharging to a ditch has been resolved. A system has been installed on a previously noted Smith Road property that had 2 different soil analyses and 2 designs from different engineers. There had been an active surface outbreak of sewage. After an onsite meeting, an agreement was reached and there is now a modified shallow trench system.

A Town of Middlesex parking lot that has reportedly been wet for years is now black and smells of sewage. It is running down to a drainage basin that goes straight to the West River. It will be tested for fecal matter. Thus far the Watershed Inspector has not been able to identify a point source. He dumped 2 bottles of dye in the Post Office septic tank with seepage pit, but there has been no indication in the week and a half since then.

A failed, leaking steel tank on Newago Dr in Vine Valley was replaced with a Presby system due to the 5-Year Inspection Program. The program is going well and bringing some issues, such as this, to light. Another problem system on South Lake Road will need to be addressed soon.

Mr. Ohle has done numerous plan approvals, including many that related to additions to properties and thus systems. For various reasons (including the Smith Road situation) he is now present at all deep hole perc tests which is also keeping him busy.

**2025 Budget:** M. Webster noted that when expenses are complete, they are usually near or under budget for the year. The truck currently has approximately 13,000 miles on it and a replacement schedule of roughly 3 years. This account is healthy so the contribution may be lowered / dropped next year. T. Ohle noted the sewer locator is very helpful. S. Brown asked when the Commission began to coincide with the Federal Pay Scale for the W. Insp. (full time employee). That was approximately 2 years ago, when the SWCD adopted it. Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as presented made by M. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Morse. Carried unanimously.

### Agency Reports + General Discussion:

SWCD: M. Webster gave update regarding Round 4 of the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund Program. This week the County DPW will send letters, applications and a map of eligibility out. The Program provides for a 50% cost share (up to \$10,000) for residential properties to upgrade or replace septic systems which are failing or likely to fail and are within 250ft of the shoreline on designated water bodies. Available funds total \$485,000 which includes some leftover money from a prior round. Retroactive work does not qualify.

The SWCD will conduct a realtor workshop this winter which will also be opened to the community. Many current SWCD ag projects are within the watershed. The District is working with municipalities regarding a WQIP grant for live edge plows. This provides a cleaner pass and reduces road salt use. There weren't any bidders recently regarding an aquatic connectivity culvert project on Naples Creek. It will be re-bid.

M. Aman noted Kevin Olvany had mentioned equipment purchases and asked if the District could join in on grant opportunities. M. Webster stated that it is tricky for the District to participate due to storage issues and ag programs. Exceptions are the hydroseeder and straw mulcher, where the District partners with the County, etc.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by J. Morse. Seconded by S. Brown. Carried. Adjourned at 9:25am.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 9:00am \_\_\_\_\_ Jamie M. Noga, Recorder