

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission
MINUTES OF THE September 12, 2023 MEETING

Commissioners:

Marty Aman, Village of Palmyra
Jim Morse, Town of Gorham
Jim Sprague, PE, City of Canandaigua

Other Attendees & Guests:

Jamie Noga, Watershed Inspection Office
Tyler Ohle, Watershed Inspector
Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

Minutes of June 6, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve made by J. Sprague. Seconded by J. Morse. Carried.

Special Note: Mark Fargo moved and thus resigned as a Commissioner. Jim Sprague offered to speak with Dave LeClair, Mayor of Rushville, regarding a replacement.

Watershed Inspector's Report:

T. Ohle informed the Commission that some property sales in the Town of Canandaigua have gone through without inspections being done. He is working to correct that and has done several inspections post-transfer. It is also happening elsewhere to some degree.

There was a violation at Sunnyside Estates (mobile homes) with sewage overflow for a long period of time. There is a low capacity with a 1,000-gallon tank for too many leach lines, plus a lack of pumping. DOH is involved. Pictures were taken and violations issued by DOH and the town.

Additional locations with problems include an outhouse in Middlesex on East Lake Road approximately 160ft from the lake and a cesspool in Naples on Welch St. near Grimes Glen, but the latter will be addressed by Phase II of the village's sewer project. A failed steel septic tank in Middlesex, approximately 200ft from the West River, was discovered via inspection for property transfer. An unapproved system was installed in South Bristol that was severely undersized, but an engineer is currently designing a new system for that. There are some instances of teardowns with re-builds with attempts to use old systems that aren't up to current standards. A previously discussed location with a problem in Middlesex along the West River is now unoccupied and possibly going up for sale.

All is well with the inspector's vehicle, plus equipment and gear needs.

Agency Reports + General Discussion:

There haven't been any major HABs.

Soil erosion and sediment control was discussed due to localized rain storms. July 9th there was a "500 year" storm.

Per M. Webster, the SWCD is busy with grant writing and enough projects to keep busy for years, including various farms with potential water retention sites. She also noted Sucker Brook in the Town of Canandaigua, the cleanout project near the water treatment plant with use of drone along the Canandaigua Outlet, and the new District Technician Jenny May. Megan and Tyler have also done some site visits together.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by J. Sprague. Seconded by M. Aman. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:28am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 9:00am

Jamie M. Noga, Recorder