

IRONDEQUOIT BAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TECHNICAL STAFF MEETING

Conference Call
April 23, 2020

Present: Mike Allen, Chairman
Jim Costello, Town of Penfield
Geoff Benway, Town of Webster
Kerry Ivers, Town of Irondequoit
Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning
Andy Sansone, Monroe County DES
Steve Olufsen, Monroe County Planning
Amanda Little, Monroe County Soil & Water
Steve Greive, Irondequoit Fish & Game Club
Dan Kawski, Monroe County Sheriff Department
Jane Schaeffer, NYSDEC
Robert Call, NYSDEC
Beth Geldard, NYSDEC
Allison Mayer, Mayers Marina
Mark Mc Millan, McMillan Marine
Ahmed Mustafa, NYS EMT
Delos Wheeler, Newport Yacht Club

Roles:

Chair: Mike Allen

Scribe: Geoffrey Benway

Water Levels: Steve reported that the current lake levels is 247.22 feet. Water levels in 2019 at this time last year were 246.52 feet.

Allison noted that water levels have been coming up slowly. She attended a meeting where it determined that we should expect water levels to go to 250.0 feet. The good news is that the Ottawa River probably wont overflow this year due to less ice and snow over the winter. Allison noted someone stole her flat bed trailer. Allison is concerned with speeding during high water levels. No speeding signs will be needed again this year.

Mark McMillan noted that the 250.0 foot elevation will cause him real problems. Mark noted that he witnesses people from neighboring towns taking sandbags. Mark is looking for before the water gets too high. A petition is being distributed to adjust speed limits on the water based upon the water width at various points. Mark noted he used 14,000 sandbags in 2019 to protect his property.

Geoff noted that Webster Highway is well prepared for the coming season.

Dan noted that traffic has increased at the Finger Lakes. This will hurt Irondequoit Bay marinas.

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Ahmed noted that some good COVID19 information for boaters is available. Rules include family members only, do not tie off on other boats, and don't help other boaters. He will send out the flyers to be posted.

Dan is looking into enforcement issues. The NYS Attorney General is the lead on enforcement. There are no civil penalties or penalties. The Sheriff staff can only fill out reports. The Governor's executive order shut down state launches.

Robert Call noted that he has been working with REDI recipients to keep the projects moving along. Rob noted that the Lake Ontario general permits should be available in May. The 2019 general permits expire in September 2020. The DEC will only cover in kind replacements of shoreline protections. Beth Geldard noted that that the REDI funding is secure. Approximately \$300 million for municipalities and private citizens.

Kerry and Mike agreed to help in getting answers for Mark regarding sandbag deliveries.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Steve noted that the Irondequoit Bay Signage Project is moving forward. The signs are to establish reference markers for emergency reference markers for boaters and emergency response crews. Ideally, locations should have sea and land access. Twenty sign locations have already been defined. Signs will be roughly 4' X 4' and will be easily spotted. Approximate costs will be between \$200 to \$300 each.

PROJECT UPDATE:

Penfield: Jim noted that the Danielle Apartment are under construction. Site access is very limited between construction and boats. On the south side of Empire Blvd, there is a 60 unit apartment building to be constructed. The project will also be donating approx.. 5 acres to Monroe County Parks and build 18 parking spaces for K2 Brewery. Project will extend a center turn lane to the west on Empire Blvd.

Webster: Geoff noted that Willow Point lost in its lawsuit with the HOA. No work on the next step by the developer, Mark IV.

The Town of Webster Highway Department is working with MCDOT to address some pooling issues along Lake Road. Project includes some storm drains that discharge to the Bay. The water well decommissioning project with the Village of Webster is moving along.

Irondequoit: Kerry noted that the Newport Yacht Club is considering new floating docks. A project on Rock Beach was started without a permit. A violation notice was issued. The Marine Park Project (REDI) is going through a coordinated review. Several break wall repair permits are also under review. Catalani property is looking to obtain a permit for fill material to protect their leach field. Mary Binder and Peggy Norry are assisting

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Irondequoit. Newport Yacht Club is also looking to do dock replacements This will be a narrower design. There are also wetland issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Geoff", is written in a cursive style.

Geoffrey Benway, P.E.
Town of Webster

