

## **IBTS Notes Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff (IBTS)**

**January 23, 2020**

**9:30-11:30 AM**

**Present:** Mike Allen; Chairman, Steve Olufsen and Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning and Development; Noel Schlageter, Monroe County EMC; Peggy Norry and Francis Knickmeyer; NYSDEC, Ahmed Mustafa; NYS-EMT, Michelle Virts and Andy Sansone; Monroe County Dept. Environmental Services, Jim Costello; Town of Penfield, Geoff Benway; Town of Webster, Kerry Ivers; Town of Irondequoit, Alison Mayer; Mayers Marina, Mary Austerman; NYS Sea Grant, Jack Kalthenbach; Monroe Couth Health Dept., Chief Jarod Rock; US Coast Guard, Sergeant Dan Kawski; Monroe County Sheriff.

- A. **Meeting notes** - Discussed minor changes to the meeting notes from December 2019
- B. **Guest Speaker: Bernie Gigas, PE** - Topic: Lake Ontario Water Levels Presentation  
Provided a presentation that provided an overview of Plan 2014 objectives, a description of expected outcomes vs. reality, how the 2014 plan is implemented and what the impacts (F limit). Key message: the plan isn't balanced; it disproportionately benefits Montreal. 250 is possible (249 is likely); targets and limits need to be adjusted. United Shoreline Ontario has video of presentation posted.
- C. **NY Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Index** (presented by Mary Austerman) – Presentation and handout of the Self Assessment Index tool created. PDF will be shared with the committee via email.
- D. **Harbor Master Follow Up Discussion** – Michelle Virts discussed that the stormwater program at DES could assist with education and outreach. This would be a function that the stormwater program could perform. Andy Sansone explained this position could serve as a “Bay Keeper” to provide outreach and support to the public and business on the bay. There could be a webpage component as well as an email address that could field questions or direct the questions to the appropriate agency for a response. Mary Austerman said she would be happy to look into other Harbor Master positions in NYS through Sea Grant.
- E. **Town Updates**
  - a. Irondequoit – 183 Schnackel Drive (delayed for violation), Bay Park west shoreline stabilization project almost done. Status on roadway improvement unknown. Irondequoit developing a standard requirement for shoreline projects, will share with Penfield and Irondequoit.
  - b. Penfield – Marios demolished. DEC (Luke) was instrumental in getting property owner to comply with SWPPP; pre construction meeting scheduled for the 95-unit apartment development. Dr. Howitt from Midland Mgmt. wants to develop an apartment building with open space being donated - 7 acres of land added to Lucien Morin Park. There could be potential stormwater or wetland issues on the property. Jim will bring the plans to IBTS when received.
  - c. Webster – Peggy Norry mentioned that NYS DEC is working on the REDI projects in WT. NYS DEC is also working on three projects on the bay involving fill in floodplain areas.
- F. **Harbor Management Plan** – Meeting in February to work on the Harbor Management Plan update.
- G. **Next meeting** - Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> in Webster (Meeting location has been changed to the Town of Penfield now for the 2/28/20 meeting)