

**Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff
Technical Staff Meeting
Zoom Meeting
May 28, 2020**

Present: Mike Allen, Chairman, Jim Costello, Town of Penfield, Geoff Benway, Town of Webster, Steve Olufsen, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Patrick Meredith, Monroe County Parks Department, Andy Sansone, Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, Dan Kawski, Monroe County Sheriff Department – Marine Unit, Robert Call, NYSDEC, Ahmed Mustafa, NEQALS/Boater.

A. Introductions:

Chair: Mike Allen

Scribe: Steve Olufsen

B. Review of last month's meeting notes and agenda:

- Last month's meeting notes were accepted as written.

C. Water Level Update

- The Lake Ontario water level is approximately 247.17ft and has been dropping. Patrick Meredith shared his screen and showed a map of the water level predications. The graphs showed that there was a good chance we will not have a high water situation like last year.

D. Irondequoit Bay Keeper Webpage

- Andy Sansone from Monroe County Department of Environmental Services gave a presentation on the Irondequoit Bay keeper webpage. The webpage was broken into different sections and covered things like the following:
 - Water level info, Harbor Management Plan, Marinas & Yacht Clubs Listing, Boat Launch & Kayaking Launches, Boater Safety & Marine Regulation Links, Living on the Bay – Links to the towns for property owners to get land use regulations, link to harbor management law; application forms for permits, Good neighbor letter (how to be a good neighbor)
 - Boating and Recreation information
 - Links and important information about marinas, boating regulations, lodging, fishing, boat rental, pump outs
 - Outlet Bridge open for boaters April 1 – Oct. 31
 - Water Quality – history of water quality and various reports
 - Link to H2O hero
- A question was asked about the I-bay oxygenation program. Andy stated that DES will be oxygenating the bay this summer. Andy mentioned that we are down to 2 diffusers from 5 total that we started with. The condition of the diffusers are unknown.

E. Irondequoit Bay Signs For Emergency Responders

- Steve Olufsen shared his screen and showed a draft of the sign locations to the group. There was a discussion about the distance to be able to see the signs. The group agreed that a 3 x 4 ft or a 4 x 4ft sign should be able to be seen from the middle of the bay. The signs could have a white background with a black number for the water side.

- Pat Meredith said he would be fine with testing the signs on Park property along the bay. He would prefer the signs have a brown background with white lettering on the land side in county parks so they blend into the surroundings better.
- Steve asked if the group had any suggestions on paying for the I-bay signs. Ahmed Mustafa and Mike Allen voiced their support and offered to help pay for the signs or raise money for them. Jim, Geoff and Mike said they would look into some local sign shops for making the prototype signs to test out on Parks property.
- Jim Costello said the Towns might have to get an easement to maintain the signs if they are on homeowners property. A questions was asked to Rob Call from NYS DEC if any DEC permits would be required for the signs since they are along the shore. Rob said he checked out the regulations and there is no need for a permit for the signs.

F. Project Updates and Reviews:

- **NYS DEC –**
 - Rob Call led the discussion about NYS DEC projects on the Bay including a project on 158 Schnackel Drive. Also there are REDI projects he is working on and there is a REDI meeting coming up.
- **Penfield –**
 - Jim Costello updated everyone on the 95 unit apartment building at 1384 Empire Blvd. to be known as the Bellagio.
 - He also provided an update on Dr. Jack Howitt’s site plan to construct a 60 unit apartment building on Wilbur Tract Road, on the south side of Empire Blvd. adjacent to the K2 Brewery.
- **Irondequoit –**
 - No updates
- **Webster –**
 - No updates

G. Other:

- **Harbor Management Plan Update:**
- The towns and county have met on a regular basis to go over the HMP and have made progress with the update. Harbor Management Plan Update meetings will be continued to be scheduled based everyone’s availability.

H. Next meeting - Thursday, June 25th on Zoom or in Penfield, NY

Parking Lot:

- **Dredging Plan**

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.