

**Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff
Penfield Town Hall
July 22, 2021
DRAFT VERSION**

Present: Steve Olufsen of the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Andy Sansone and William Emblidge of the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, Robert Call, NYSDEC, Mike Allen, Chairman, Kerry Ivers, Town of Irondequoit, Jim Costello and Mike O'Connor, Town of Penfield, Josh Artuso, Town of Webster, Roy Widrig, NY Sea Grant, Sergeant Matthew MacKenzi, Monroe County Sheriff, Chief Mathew Reisburgh, United States Coast Guard, Robert Shanebrook, Resident, Jane Shafer, Newport Yacht Club, Noel Schlageter, EMC, Allison Mayer, Mayer's Marina, Mark MacMillan, MacMillan Marine, Robert Bowman, Stoney Point Marina HOA.

A. Introductions:

Chair: Mike Allen
Scribe: Mike Allen

B. Water Level Update:

- Steve Olufsen reported that water level is at 245.57'. This is up slightly from last month. Water levels typically drop from June to December. Allison Mayer reported that people seem less concerned about the water level.
- It was noted that the dredge had moved into the bay a few weeks ago although there had been no activity. Mike Allen indicated that just prior to the meeting, he went down to the outlet and observed the dredge in place at the north end of the outlet channel. Also, it was noted that the original plan was for the dredge to remove 10,800 cubic yards of material over a 14 day period. However, more recent estimates from the dredging company indicate that more like 40,000 cubic yards of material may need to be moved.

C. Densmore Creek Marker:

- Steve reported that the wayward marker had been moved back into place. Jane Shafer said the markers are very old and she is not sure who placed them there originally. She expressed an interest in exploring what it would take to make the markers official. The Coast Guard Officer in Charge, Matt Riesberg indicated that he would email information to the group regarding Coast Guard Contacts.
- Subsequent email: For questions about Aids to Navigation and the placing of private Aids, or adding CG aids, please feel free to contact Chief Charles Palmer, Officer in Charge of Aids to Navigation Buffalo. BMC Charles Palmer, 716-818-1729, Charles.B.Palmer@USCG.mil

D. Stoney Point Weed Growth:

- Robert Bowman made a PowerPoint presentation explaining that the explosion of aquatic weeds in and around Stoney Point marina have made navigation in and out the marina very challenging. He stated that he needs advice on how to handle this problem as all the mitigation efforts that have been tried have met with little success.
- Mark McMillan indicated that weeds are getting unusually heavy at the south end of the bay. Allison Mayer said that she has been dealing with the same types of weed problems for decades.
- Andy Sansone identified the invasive weeds as Eurasian Watermilfoil and that it was first identified in the bay on 2002. Andy further said that he needs to study the problem before he can present any possible solutions. Unfortunately, since there is not base line data, a quick answer is nearly impossible. However, Andy did indicate that there is no deviation in the water chemistry or nutrients (currently under study and monitoring) that would forecast problems like those that are being observed on the bay.

- Robert Bowman indicated that he attempted to contract a mechanical weed cutter from the Braddock's Bay area but the contractor pulled out when they found out that the contract would be for Irondequoit Bay (siting permit issues).
- Rob Call indicated that since the entire bay is listed as a Controlled Fresh Water wetland and therefore covered under Article 24 Wetland Regulations, that there are not very many mitigation efforts that would be permitted under the current regulations.
- Kerry Ivers said that we should look at a joint funding application through the CFA but that the window for grant applications closed this week. Therefore, nothing can be done this year. She also suggested contacting Sea Grant or Cornell University.

E. Review last month notes and this agenda:

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

F. Project Updates and Reviews:

Irondequoit – Kerry Ivers

- **Sutter Marina** – Building Permit for new building is under review
- **Several active residential** sea-wall improvement applications are in progress
- **State Marine Park** project is complete. However, transient docks are temporarily out of place while the dredging operation is on-going
- **183 Snackel** active permit for small dock/deck replacement
- **Seneca Rd** – several complaints have come in for erosion spilling out onto the road from nearby construction. DPW is actively investigating.

• **Penfield – Mike O'Connor**

- **Bellagio Apartments** just wrapping up the Certificate of Occupancy
- **1527 (B/C) Empire Blvd** Owner has indicated an intent to harvest timber on the property but no permit has been filed at this time.

• **Webster – Josh Artuso**

- **Sandbar Park** – Getting to the 90% design phase. There is a CFA app for those improvements.
- **Glenn Edith development** There is a site proposal for a new house coming in the next month. The house is approx. 11,000 sq/ft with a 10 car garage. Several variances will be required.

G. Other:

Harbor Management Plan Update

- The plan is in the "buttoning up" stage with very few edits remaining

Irondequoit Bay Blow Off Day – Sergeant Matt MacKenzie

- Matt indicated that he was in contact with an individual that was organizing (on Facebook) a "Blow-Off" day on the bay for Friday, July 30th. After contact, the organizer indicated that it was not an "event", it was just some friends getting together. The Facebook page promoting the event has been modified that it was "cancelled by Sheriff MacKenzie" but people should come and protest. Sergeant MacKenzie believes that this event will happen without regard for the permitting requirements and that the event organizer will likely make no plans for safety and security. Therefore, the MCSO will make plans to have appropriate law enforcement assets in place to ensure safety and security.

H. Next meeting – Thursday, August 26th Boat Tour

I. Parking Lot: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.