

Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff Meeting
Irondequoit Town Hall
November 18, 2021

Present: Steve Olufsen of the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Robert Call, NYSDEC, Sergeant Matt MacKenzie, MCSO, Mike Allen, Chairman, Kerry Ivers, Town of Irondequoit, Annalisa Rogers, Town of Irondequoit, Mike O'Connor, Town of Penfield, Jane Shafer, Newport Yacht Club, Noel Schlageter, EMC, Alison Mayer, Mayer Marina and Mark McMillan, McMillan Marine.

In Attendance: Robert Bowman and Angie Killips, Stoney Point HOA, Tony Czarnecki, Irondequoit Fish and Game Club

A. Introductions:

Chair: Steve Olufsen for Mike Allen

Scribe: Steve Olufsen

B. Water Level Update:

- Today's water level on Lake Ontario is 245.64'. The average is 244.62'. The outflow is 8,250 CMS and the average is 7,310 CMS.

C. I-Bay Information Signs

- There was a discussion about updating the Irondequoit Bay signs. Steve Olufsen showed a draft document with the sign text and the website added. There was a discussion on where to include the signs at marina locations. Tony Czarnecki expressed interest in putting a sign up at the Irondequoit Bay Fish and Game Club. Robert Bowman also expressed interest in placing a sign at the Stoney Point Marina.
- Allison Mayer said she would like to put a sign up at the gas dock and boat launch at Mayer's Marina. Larger signs would go on the bridge and at the Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park.
- Mark McMillan expressed interest in having a paper version of the signs to post at the marina along with the mounted sign.
- Sergeant Mackenzie talked about the marine rules on the bay. Warnings to boaters should be expected. Boaters should now be aware of the rules of the bay with the more visible signs

D. Review last month notes and this agenda:

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

E. Project Updates and Reviews:

Irondequoit – Kerry Ivers

- Sutter Marina – county project proposing to raise Sutters marina building. Permit has been obtained for this project.
- DEC permit has been obtained for the project.
- Mariconi property – the new permit will be issued soon.

• Penfield – Mike O'Connor

- Bellagio Apartments The Certificate of Occupancy has been granted.
- REDI Projects – raising of the lift stations
- 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. Mike asked Rob if DEC has seen anything on this project yet. Rob will check with wetland staff.

- **Webster – Josh Artuso emailed these updates**
 - Sandbar Park – Working with consultants towards 100% design plans for the Sandbar Park Improvement Project and REDI Projects (Lake Rd. Realignment, Flood Wall and Pump Station protection); working with state agencies through the permitting process.
 - Reviewing a concept proposal / determining feasibility to locate the West Webster Fire Boat Dock (REDI Project Award) at 249 Lake Road
 - Allison Mayer – asked about permits for the wells. Rob Call said the permits were given for the wells. Pump station is not tied to the wells and is a separate project.
 - The expectation was that it would be done in the fall but appears to be scheduled for spring now. Allison said there will be issues with the boating season for Mayer’s Marina. Traffic concerns and parking requirements that conflict with the project. Rob said the permits have been issued and follow up with the Town of Webster.

F. Other:

- **Harbor Management Plan Update**
 - Rob Call said that DEC staff is reviewing the Harbor Management Plan update and will provide comments once finished.
- **I-Bay Aquatic Vegetation Survey :**
 - Angie Killips along with Bob Bowman from Stoney Point HOA and Tony Czarnecki from Irondequoit Bay Fish and game club spoke and expressed concerns over the weed growth in areas of Irondequoit bay. Bob and Angie spoke to the concerns of the Stony Point Marina. Many of their members will not put their boats in the water due to the weeds so they have numerous open slips. The HOA board voted to move forward to pursue an application for a DEC permit for herbicide treatment. Bob expressed concern if herbicide treatment were allowed it would then give others the ability to use herbicide. This may not be a good thing for the bay / wetland. They would like to see a solution for spring of next year. Steve Olufsen mentioned that the Nature Conservancy report on the I-Bay aquatic vegetation survey should be available before year end. Rob Call advised a pre application meeting. Mechanical harvesting would be the preferred method if permitted.
 - Angie spoke about the Eurasian Watermilfoil and is concerned that mechanical harvesting won’t fix the problem as the milfoil grows back stronger when it is cut. It spreads by fragmentation.
 - Tony expressed issues with weeds around there marina. There also have been jet skis getting stuck in the weeds in front of Irondequoit Bay Fish and Game Club and having to be rescued. He also said there are 3 to 4 times as many swans in the bay then in years past. Tony asked about the algae in the bay.
 - Allison Mayer said the algae typically goes away after a frost and she hasn’t noticed much of a change to the weeds at her marina. The weeds are not an issue.
 - Mark McMillan said the low water and lack of boat traffic leads to the weed getting worse. They are thick in the south end of the bay and there are more lily pads in the southwestern end of the bay.
 - Jane Shafer said that the weeds were not an issue at the Newport Yacht Club

G. Next meeting – Thursday, December 16th via Zoom

H. Parking Lot: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.