

Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff Meeting Zoom Meeting Room February 24, 2022

Present: Steve Olufsen (Monroe County Department of Planning and Development), Rochelle Bell (Monroe County Department of Planning and Development), Kerry Ivers (Town of Penfield), Mike O’Conner (Town of Penfield), Josh Artuso (Town of Webster), Donna Martello (Town of Irondequoit), Alison Mayer (Mayer Marina), Elaina Burns (NYSDEC), Isabelle Haddad (NYSDEC) Chief Matthew Riesberg (US Coast Guard)

In Attendance: Robert Bowman and Angie Killips (Stony Point HOA)

A. Introductions:

Chair: Steve Olufsen for Mike Allen Scribe: Donna Martello

B. Water Level Update

- Current level is 245.70 feet (average: 244.82 feet) Still about a foot above average
- Outflow is higher than average. Current outflow is 8,210 cubic meters per second. (average: 6,910 cubic meters per second)
- Current supply is higher than average at 7,200 cubic meters per second (average: 6,990 cubic meters per second)

C. Sign Update

- Adding the “25 MPH SPEED LIMIT”. This sign shall be placed at the south marker in the bay for boaters leaving the “5MPH NO WAKE”.
- Reviewed the information signage. It was pointed out that the sign information did not match and should be revised to be stated the same.
- Information signs and Bay Speed Limit Signs shall be posted on the Bay, Steve shared a map with locations of postings.
- Alison Mayer suggested to add Speed Sign for the Bay under the Irondequoit Bay Bridge and near the bluffs. Group thought the suggestion was a good one, so more signs need to be ordered.
- Matt inquired if any Speed Limit markers will be placed at the south end of Bay, where rentals and new boaters come out of the docks & South Bay Marina. But was not sure where the signs could be posted.
Comment on that was that the south end of the Bay has low water levels and it would not be desirable to slow boats down too early or they will get stuck. Decided not to put signs up at the south end of the Bay.

D. Website Update _ Irondequoitbay.org

- New website is being designed for Irondequoit Bay featuring links to resources for boaters, visitors and residents on the bay.

E. Review of last month’s meeting notes

Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

F. Project Updates

Irondequoit

- No new projects

Penfield

- Kerry reported that the property at 1200 Empire Blvd. is being marketed for sale. However anything being proposed on that location would need to check with New York State DEC, DOT and perhaps OGS.

Webster

- REDI project and Sandbar Park improvements – the town is approaching the 100% Design milestone: archeological studies did not reveal anything of significance; expecting final sign off from SHPO; permits to be issued shortly after; project goes out to bid mid-February.
- Building permit for 19,000 SF home on former Glen Edith site was issued.
- Shoreline Revetment at 1030 Lake Road

G. Other:

Harbor Management Update

- NYSDEC is currently reviewing the DRAFT document. Question was raised who at the DEC is reviewing the plan? Elaina Burns will find out and report back to IBTS.

I-Bay Aquatic Weed Survey

- Discussion of last month's I-Bay Aquatic Weed Survey presentation
- Robert Bowman would like the discussion of Monroe County harvesting the weeds on the bay.
- Steve Olufsen pointed out that it is difficult for Monroe County to harvest the weeds because the harvesting would occur within the NYS DEC Wetland Buffer. The county has no jurisdiction over the bay and the marinas who have issues with weeds can apply to NYS DEC for a permit.
- Elaina Burns commented that harvesting the weeds was not impossible, but a process to get there.
- Rochelle Bell suggested to add to the Harbor Management Plan Weed Harvesting including target species.

H. Other Business

- Donna Martello requested Steve to send a memo with proposed bay signage and cost per town to the three town representatives to present to their Town Board for approval.

Next meeting will be held on March 24th location TBD.