

**Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff Meeting
Town of Penfield Conference Room & Zoom Meeting
April 28, 2022**

Present:

Steve Olufsen (Monroe County Department of Planning and Development)
Tony Czarnecki (Irondequoit Bay Fish and Game Club)
Syed Ahmed Mustafa (President of NEQALS)
Mike O'Conner (Town of Penfield)
Mike Allen (Chairman)
Kerry Ivers (Town of Penfield)
Mark Valentine (Town of Penfield)
Rob Call (NYS DEC)
Andy Sansone (MC Environmental Services)
Robert Bowman (Stoney Point HOA)
Mary Austerman (NY Sea Grant)
William Lechit
Tom Hall (NYS DEC)
Mike Zamiarski (NYS DEC)
Chief Alan Laird (Irondequoit Chief of Police)
Chief Kohlmeir (Webster Chief of Police)
Sergeant Matt MacKenzie (Monroe County Sheriff's Office)
Josh Artuso (Town of Webster)

A. Introductions:

Chair: Mike Allen
Scribe: Josh Artuso

B. Water Level Update

- Current level is 245.67 feet (average: 244.69 feet) Still about a foot above average
- Historical average: 245.90
- Outflows 8,060 cm/sec move water
- Average outflow 7,470 cm/sec
- Supply 9,400 cm/sec
- Average 9,040 cm/sec

C. NYS Sea Grant Update/Mary Austerman

- Info graphic/statics of projects
- Guide to Coastal permitting

FEMA Story map Project: Great Lakes Region for municipal staff that deal with flooding.

- Lake Ontario flood resources work session invitation, May 9, 2022 (SEE EMAIL)

- Other focus groups: Water Level Management; need for transparency in communication from IJC-(Fall)

Waterfront Homeowners Folders: Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District. Mailed out to 2,500 residents: 1/3 homeowner turnover since 2017 flooding. Manilla Folder with inserts, customizable (ex. Septic systems) provided and electronic.

- High water level and low water level (webpages being developed)
- Contractor training with DEC, DOS & USACE, NYSG, December 2022 in person.
- Scoping of a NYGL Coastal Resilience Network.
- Capacity Buildings-Cumulative effects of shoreline management practices.

Lake Inundation tools

- Monthly forecast-(short term planning)
- Long term coastal resilience index
- NOAA lake level viewer
- DOS gateway

Message to Homeowners: be careful around drains, ends up in waterbody of I-Bay/Lake

Oil spill kit with contractors should be required-Tom Hall, DEC

Barges/Excavators failures (hydraulic) etc...

Condition under general permit-doesn't specifically call out

Spill response-good idea-Rob Call to consider, oil booms at Marinas.

Oil Spill Kit Link: <https://www.newpig.com/pig-oil-only-spill-kit-in-20-gallon-high-visibility-economy-container/p/KIT4300>

D. Abandoned Boats Discussion:

Boats that become abandoned in Bay and other areas:

Matt Mackenzie: Two boats in I=Bay, abandoned last summer 2021. Boat became disabled; unable to get fixed; lost anchor showed up on shoreline of Lake Ontario. Homeowners responsible to remove.

- 2nd boat adrift. Dec. 2021 close to Newport Marina. Secured to shoreline, attempted to track down / notify owner. Don't know who the last owner is. Boat hull is compromised, is filled with sand and can't be put on a trailer (fuels/oils pumped out by Dec)
- Harbor Management Law covers this, but no penalties are specified.
- County level law, so it covers water along lake.
- Can it be impounded? Should Towns pass local laws on abandoning boats?
- DEC, no regulations.
- Coast Guard, no regulations.
- Can it be impounded? Should explore Local law by Irondequoit, Webster, and Penfield.
- Homeowners where boat is docked becomes responsible for its removal.
- Two boats were abandoned and left at Stony Point Marina. Called 911 to find out ownership info and was told there is not much they can do. Local PD: "don't touch it". Waited until someone showed up.
- Sheriff's office-Marine Unit can assist with finding owners of abandon boats.

- Maritime Law-maybe have salvage rights.
- Webster Police Chief: Sent article 2015 county jurisdiction (sheriff)no money or equipment.
- Penfield has no penalties for offenses (as does Webster)
- Encourage marinas to provide boat US info boat US info to boat owners for towing and emergency services.
- Any scrap value to fiberglass/abandon boats: contact scrappers
- Engine, usually wrecked, no value, junk.
- Will a landfill take them?
- Federal funding associated with Marine debris-abandoned boats are considered marine debris. Keep an eye out for funding.
- 911 Call Center Telecommunicator-should be updated to dispatch or connect caller to Sheriffs unit: Matt M to follow up.
- NYS-any law enforcement agency can run reg. #'s form MV15C. You have to show why you are looking for owner. \$10.00 fee information (to have boat towed, check box, then info can be provided to let owner know boat has been towed.
- NYS Abandoned Boats Administrative Review Link:
https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/ADV-Docs/NEW_YORK_ADV_Legal_Review_2015_NOAA_MDP.pdf

E. I-Bay Signs

- Have been printed Marine unit picked them up and distributed to marinas.
- Working with Irondequoit DPW to install at boat launch. Re-purposing old sign to place at Orchard Park Launch-County
- Andy: left over grant money for signage (invasive species) 18" x 24", wants to put sign up at as many marinas as possible around county-FREE. Will be reaching out to other marine owners.

F. REVIEW LAST MONTHS MEETING.

- Classification of Irondequoit fish and game club: fertilization is due to fecal matter droppings and swans; not fertilizers.

G. Project Updates:

Irondequoit

- No one on call to report.
- Bay Village Condos: permit issue in next month or 2

Webster

- Update provided on REDI Projects MO 56, 59, & 78; groundbreaking event for REDI/Sandbar Park projects held on April 26, 2022.
- Update on MO 65 Village Wells/Town Pump Station work is out to bid, bid opening 5/24/22
- 211 Inspiration Point dock/boat hoist proposed near entrance to the cove; Town requests alternative location on the west property edge rather than southern.

- Update on unpermitted earthwork on bluffs / removal of cottage at 1008 Glen Edith / Sunset Trail

Penfield

- Still waiting on final design for REDI project.
- Dr. Horwitz regarding property behind K2 Brewing incentive zoning app for ancillary parking expansion.
- 1200 Empire is on the market for sale.
- Bar Bill is coming to old McGregor's location at 1129 Empire Blvd; early 2023 opening

DEC Comments:

- 1200 Empire: DEC wants wetland delineation study.
- 211 Inspiration Point: shore concerns with Rob Martins custom tide sides. Under review
- 1008 Glen Edyth: legal staff talking to owner; likely to do an inspection; recent photos....Send to Rob Call. Permit required for any activity within 100'
- Stony Point Marina application to apply herbicides: DEC to be lead agency-30 days. NOCA sent out last week. DEC/Town preference would be manual removal.

H. OTHER

- I /Fish & Game Club: agreed to allow DEC to dock boat.
- West Webster Fire access is in service, both boats docked at Stony Point. Active for season; call 911.