

IBTS Meeting Notes
March 28, 2024

Committee Attendance:

Mike Allen (Chairperson), Steve Olufsen (Monroe County), Kerry Ivers (Penfield), Mike O’Conner (Penfield), Bill Lang (Town of Irondequoit), Josh Artuso (Town of Webster), Jacob Kearney (MCSWCD), Yixuan Lin (Monroe County).

Marina Representatives:

Bob Bowman (Stony Point HOA/Marina) Angie Killips (Stony Point Marina), Alison Mayer (Mayer’s Marina), Doug Dickman (Newport Yacht Club), Jim Magee (Irondequoit Bay Fish & Game Club), Michael Depreza (Southpoint Marina), Wade Braman (Southpoint Marina).

Water Level Update

IJC reported levels 245.24 Current water level
 245.18 Average water level

Current Outflow: 7,790 cm/sec
Average Outflow: 6,900 cm/sec

Current Supply: 8,490 cm/sec
Average Supply: 8,010 cm/sec

Group Consensus: too early to tell if it will be a high or low water year; not a lot of snow to melt;
TBD

Solar Eclipse/Boating Safety-handout created:

- Discussion on kayaking/booting at dark; use common sense; main concern is low water temps at this time of year if you fall in.
- Check your boat for safety equipment; make a plan and let others know where you will be and when you are expected to return.
- WWFD launching their (2) boats early.
- The Coastguard is launching their boats too.

Marina/Club Operators

- Discussion on dredging of Irondequoit Bay outlet.
- ACOE typically has jurisdiction/Joe Morelli congressman/Supervisors to reach out via letters of (3) towns.
- Monroe County working on multiple county dredging plan through NYS. There will be an upcoming meeting, will likely pay a consultant to evaluate how much dredging is needed and the annual cost associated with it.
- Marina owners too draft letters/cc towns to advocate for dredging.
- Working on Memorandum of Understanding between Newport Yacht Club and Department of Agriculture regarding wave abatement funding, may be deemed to protect rare ducks that live in an adjacent cove.
- May qualify for interest free loans to do wave attenuation will be several years.
- Angie Killips: Need for dredging outlet as well as boater safety education; those who rent boats are exempt from safety certificate requirement-this should be changed. At a

minimum, provide rules to boat renters so they are aware.

- Traffic in the outlet: Need for a huge speed limit sign at end of pier like is at the mouth of Genesee River.
- I-bays sign is a fixed to swing bridge well into channel; not visible until too late.
- Can a sign (large one) be placed on pier (eastern pier) like at the river?
- CG; ACOE; approval required to place on pier.
- Sign should also say No wake & single file only.
- What is dredging schedule? Dredging of outlet channel was last performed in 2021.

Five-minute break

Project Updates:

IRONDEQUOIT:

- Newport house site: Renovations to docks and boardwalk/ resuming construction on Townhomes soon.
- Seneca Road (Newport Yacht Club) area to be paved in April/May weather dependent.

PENFIELD:

- Same as last month: Redi project approved; bid specs out in the next month.
- 1200 Empire-still up for sale-Break in access process for direct access to Empire Blvd.
- Working with State on comfort station at Lasalle's Landing
- BAYVIEW APTS - Still working on their building.
- K2: Building and parking lot expansion on hold.

WEBSTER:

- Update on former Glen Edith Restaurant site construction; helical pile installation to begin this Spring for 19,000 SF single family home. Requested status update as project has been going on for many years; Foundation plan being updated to Town to review and approve; work to follow shortly after piles are driven in. Work to continue into next year.
- Sandbar Park: NYS DEC permit issued for restaurant building; expect to be able to share info publicly next month; proceeding with consultants for design/cost estimation for phase II of project (outdoor environmental education area in NE corner of the Bay).
- Bill Howard of 1008 Glen Edith Drive (Sunset Trail) is pursuing improvements to Sunset Trail, engaging with an engineer to develop plan for paving, drainage, and stormwater improvements. Instructed them to inquire with NYS DEC for permitting requirements, if any.
- Dock extension at 1044 Sunset Trail; approved by DEC, scheduled for April Planning Board meeting.
- Report from resident that lives on Dickinson Road/Summit Drive; report that someone is hand-digging a switch back trail down the slope to the shoreline; code enforcement intervention- working with homeowner to determine next steps.
- (2) single family homes under construction at 181 and 185 Lake Road.
- Inquiry from resident adjacent to the Bluffs- wants a helicopter pad on a small parcel in a heavily wooded area- working our way through that request.

Harbor Management Plan Update:

- Under review by NYS and waiting on comments.

Meetings are open to the public, feel free to attend. Next meeting Thursday 4.25.24 at 9:30 AM