

**Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff Meeting
Irondequoit Public Library and Zoom Meeting
September 24, 2020**

Present: Mike Allen, Chairman, Rob Call, NYSDEC, Jim Costello, Town of Penfield, Mike O’Conner, Town of Penfield, Kerry Ivers, Town of Irondequoit, Josh Artuso, Town of Webster, Steve Olufsen, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Allison Mayer, Mayer’s Marine, Mark McMillan, McMillan Marine, Roy Wildrig, NY Sea Grant, Noel Schlagater, EMC, Sgt Matthew Mackenzie, Monroe County Sheriff, Chief Jarod Rock, US Coast Guard, Jane Shafer, Newport Yacht Club.

A. Introductions:

Chair: Mike Allen

Scribe: Steve Olufsen

B. Water Level Update

- The Lake Ontario water level is currently 245.34 which is above the historical average.

C. Dredging

- Jane Shafer explained that the outlet channel is getting shallow. She stated that sailboats have to take the middle of the channel which can create conflicts with other boat traffic. The sailboats need more depth for the keel of the boats to clear the channel.
- Josh Artuso checked the REDI website and said that it has the I-bay outlet channel scheduled for dredging in 2021.

D. I-bay Boat Launches

- Allison Mayer explained that she was dissatisfied in the closure of the Marine Park boat launch. She stated that many of the boaters that use the Marine Park launch are now launching at her marina where she has limited space for parking and only one launch. Mike Allen explained that the boat launch was closed due to construction needing to be done in the fall for the Marine Park improvements. Kerry Ivers referred Allison to call Bob Kiley for more information.

E. Update on Empire Blvd & Wilbur Tract Rd. Apartment Buildings

- Jim Costello provided an update on the Bellagio Apartment building. The original proposal was for 95 units but it has been upgraded to 98 units while retaining the same amount of square footage. Construction is well under way and Jim met with the building inspector to address any issues. Jim also provided an update on Dr. Jack Howitt’s site plan to construct a 60 unit apartment building on Wilbur Tract Road, on the south side of Empire Blvd. adjacent to the K2 Brewery. The apartment building project will be going before the Town Board for approval. The project includes stormwater management facilities and the developers of both projects have agreed to pay for the middle turn lane on Empire Blvd. Jim was going to pass on the latest version of the drawing set to Rob Call at NYS DEC for comments. The owner originally wanted to donate the land behind the building to Monroe County Parks however a Phase I Environmental Study would have to be completed and the owner doesn’t want to pay for that.

F. Review of last month’s meeting notes and agenda

- Mike Allen asked if anyone had changes to the July (August was the boat tour) meeting notes. No changes were made.

G. Project Updates and Reviews:

- **Penfield**
 - Mike O’Conner provided an update on the new sidewalk project on Empire Blvd from Lasalle’s Landing Park to the Bellagio. The sidewalks are 90 percent finished. There is a small section where a property owner wouldn’t give permission to put the sidewalk in.
 - Mike also provided an update on two REDI projects for sanitary pump stations.

- **Irondequoit**
 - Kerry Ivers reported on the construction at the State Marine Park for the REDI project.
 - The Town of Irondequoit is conducting a public information meeting by virtual open house for their LWRP update on October 7th or 16th.
 - They are looking to include sections relating to the Harbor Management Plan as well.
 - 3034 and 3056 Bay Front South properties are for sale.

- **Webster**
 - Working on projects at 181 and 185 Lake Road which was the site of the Christmas Eve tragedy.
 - Have some dock replacements and floodplain permits.
 - The Island in Hells Cove is for sale. There is a proposal to raise it 3feet with fill and put a pre-fabricated structure on it to operate as an air B&B.
 - Working on 4 REDI projects that are at about the 60 percent completion mark.
 - Also working projects involving parkland alienation from Lake Road and the West Webster Fire boat dock.

- **NYS DEC**
 - Rob Call reported that DEC is looking into Coastal Erosion Disturbances on the bay.
 - DEC is reviewing REDI Projects on the bay.
 - Permit requests for the State Boat Launch, Culver Road sewers, Seneca Road fill project, and Webster Park improvements are being reviewed.

H. Other:

- a. **Harbor Management Plan Update:**
 - The towns and county continue to meet to update the HMP. Next meeting is October 7th. Work on the Plan includes updating mapping, and finalizing the wording in some sections of the Plan.

- b. **NYS Sea Grant**
 - Roy Widrig reported on a virtual site visit form that he designed to help homeowners consult with Sea Grant on shoreline erosion issues. Link: <https://seagrantsunysb.edu/articles/t/great-lakes-coastal-processes-and-erosion-virtual-site-visit-request-form>

I. Next meeting – Town of Penfield on Thursday, October 22nd

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.