



CANANDAIGUA LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Minutes August 6, 2024

Present:

Bob Palumbo	Mike Salotto	Bill Namestnik	Marty Aman	Dan Marshall
Mike Gonzalez	Fred Stresing	David Adam	Dale Stell	John Cowley
Jared Simpson	Art Rilands			

Necessarily Absent:

Staff and Guests: Kevin Olvany

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Co-Chair Simpson.

Co-chair Simpson asked if anyone wanted privilege of the floor to speak to the Watershed Council. No comments were made.

Mayor Palumbo reviewed the Treasurer's Report totaling \$5,962.50. Motion was made by Mayor Palumbo to approve the bills totaling \$5,962.50, seconded by Co-chair Marshall. Motion carried. Kevin Olvany reviewed State grants received totaling \$72,000 from DOS. The Watershed Council also received \$2,500.00 in donations.

Brian Mahoney from Mahoney and Brenner was introduced and presented to the Watershed Council on having the Watershed Council form an LLC. This would allow the Watershed Council to register the new truck and complete other public benefit items such as open a bank account to accept charitable donations. The Watershed Council would be the only member of the LLC- therefore all decision making of the LLC would be by the Watershed Council. Motion was made by Co-chair Marshall to approve forming the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, LLC with the only member of the LLC consisting of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council. Any and all actions of the LLC must be approved by the Watershed Council. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Cowley. Motion carried.

The Watershed Council needs to establish a policy for use of fund from donations. Motion was made by Supervisor Adam to establish a policy for the use of funds from donations as a 501c3 public charity. The main components of the policy will include that all funds provided through donations from foundations and individuals can only be used on implementing water quality and flood resiliency improvement projects across the watershed. No funds may be used to reimburse for salary expenses of the Watershed Program Manager or any administrative costs. The use of these funds must be approved by the Watershed Council. Motion was seconded by Marty Aman. Motion carried.

Kevin explained that the Watershed Council needed to open a bank account for any donations received. Motion was made by Supervisor Adam to approve opening a checking account at Canandaigua National Bank in the name of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, LLC for the sole purpose of accepting donations as a 501c3 organization. Expenditures from the account must have the prior approval of the Watershed Council. The Watershed Manager will provide monthly bank statements to the Watershed Council showing all deposits and withdrawals. Motion was seconded by Mayor Palumbo. Motion carried.

Kevin reviewed the donation letter for \$50,000 from the Sands Family Foundation to help fund the implementation of series of projects in the Sucker Brook Watershed and a strategic area between Foster and Deuel Road that has had major flooding and erosion/phosphorus loss issues this summer. There is significant interest from the Sands Family Foundation to increasing their partnership with the Watershed Council. These initial areas were selected due to the flooding issues and very significant erosion and flooding issues.

Kevin presented the MOU with the City to fuel and maintain the new truck. Motion was made by Supervisor Adam to approve the MOU, seconded by Councilman Salotto. Carried.

Kevin discussed the Ontario County grant funding process. The county has allocated \$60,000 to be used for projects across Ontario County. There will be a grant application process due in late August and it will be reviewed by a committee of WRC members. Kevin suggested applying for funds to help purchase an excavator to be used on watershed projects. Kevin reviewed that are a series of projects through FEMA and established funding sources to help complete the purchase of the excavator. This is a critical piece of equipment to help accelerate the implementation of many water quality projects. We usually borrow one from the Town of Canandaigua- but their machines are not going to be available much for the foreseeable future.

Kevin reviewed that he has been talking with the Canandaigua Highway Superintendent and Supervisor Simpson and that the Town of Canandaigua has an existing excavator that could be used for this purpose. The Town would then purchase another excavator with the money we can allocate plus their own additional funding. Kevin explained that the Town would still own the excavator and an MOU will be created where the Watershed Council would have first access to the machine. If the Watershed Council is not using it then the Town could use it in exchange for insuring and maintaining the machine. A draft MOU will be presented at the next meeting.

For the Manager/Technicians Report, Kevin reviewed the latest harmful algae information. With the extended hot and calm conditions, we are seeing an early start the HAB season.

There being no other business, motion was made by Co-chair Marshal to adjourn until September 5, 2024, at 3:30, seconded by Co-chair Simpson. Motion to adjourn carried.

Next Meeting: September 5, 2024 3:30 pm
Location: Hurley Building