

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Special Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010

4:30 pm North Harmony Senior Center

Stow, NY 14785

Attendance:

Members present: Sally Carlson, Tom Erlandson, Lyle Hajdu, Wade Morse, Andrew Nixon; Karen Rine, Joan Warner, Art Webster, and Chris Yates

Members absent: Lyle Jensen

Partners: Jane Conroe (TAC); Bill Boria (DOH); John Jablonski (CWC); Kim Sherwood; Jay Warren (UE); Dave Wilson

I. Call to Order

Hajdu called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

II. Partner Report

Sherwood reported that several municipalities have received proposed resolutions supporting gas exploration of the Marcellus Shale reserve, without fully explaining the potential environmental impacts such operations may impose upon our community. Sherwood and Boria had previously participated in public forums held by the NY DEC, and suggested that local officials should carefully study the issue in committee before taking any action.

III. Status Of Watershed Coordinator

Constantino confirmed that he had resigned as watershed coordinator effective November 19, 2010, so that he could accept a position in the private sector. Hajdu thanked Constantino for his dedicated service to the CLMC, and praised him for his role in successfully developing the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan and implementing many important lake and watershed projects during his tenure. Hajdu reported that he had met with County Executive Edwards and Bill Daly from PED, who confirmed that the County was committed to funding and filling the position as soon as possible. Hajdu was invited to participate in the interview process, which is tentatively scheduled for January 2011. The County elected not to hire an interim watershed coordinator. Hajdu had met with Constantino to document the status of 2010 projects, and was directed to work with Mark Geise of PED until a replacement is hired. Constantino stated that the contract with Bergmann to develop informational brochures was drafted and is now pending approval from the

legal department. Hajdu will continue to coordinate with the County to ensure that 2010 projects receive approved funding. Constantino pledged that he would make himself available after leaving the County to assist the CLMC in its important mission.

IV. Scope Of SAV Management Plan

Conroe and Constantino outlined the scope of work for developing a SAV Management Plan, that was previously distributed to CLMC members. The scope of work had been reviewed by members of the TAC. Constantino explained efforts to utilize local experts, where Jane Conroe would serve as lead project manager, and Tom Erlandson, Bob Johnson, Paul Swanson, and others experts would provide technical services. Before the County can award a contract for services, Constantino suggested the group do the following (1) identify local experts and services to be provided; (2) determine costs of services; (3) identify gaps in expertise and the need to secure outside consultants; and (4) develop a timeline for completion of the project. Rine suggested that the scope of work include a specific recommendation that CLMC review and approve each phase of work. Webster moved, Yates seconded, that the scope of work be amended to include CLMC review and approval after each phase of work, and that members approve same via email. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Support & Funding For Watershed Steward Program

Yates moved, Webster seconded, a motion approving a resolution of support for the CWC's watershed steward program, and pledging the balance of the CLMC's 2010 implementation fund of approximately \$6,000.

VI. Implementation In 2011

Webster reported that he had convened a meeting with Conroe, Wilson, and Hajdu to develop a process to annually outline and prioritize projects recommended under the WMP. Webster recommended that the CLMC form an Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) whose initial members will include the TAC members, who may invite other experts and advisors, such as Doug Conroe, to assist them in make specific recommendations for implementation in 2011. The IAC would present its recommendation before the CLMC, whose members would assume responsibility for promoting implementation. Hajdu recommended that he and Webster periodically appear before the PED committee and County Legislature to keep public officials apprised of CLMC efforts. Other CLMC members and partners must become actively engaged in promoting specific projects for implementation. Hajdu emphasized the need for the CLMC to utilize advisory committees for specific assignments of limited scope and duration, with the understanding that the CLMC would not maintain any standing committees. Wilson suggested that engaging stakeholders in the

watershed, such as towns and villages, should be a high priority. Erlandson emphasized the importance of publicizing CLMC activities in the media. Yates volunteered to speak with local media officials to secure better coverage and publicity of the CLMC. Warner moved, Yates seconded, that the CLMC form an Implementation Advisory Committee as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjourn

Hajdu adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Rine, Secretary.