

## Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (I O) Meeting Minutes 10/25/17

Attendance: Michelle Henry, Newfield and the water resources council (WRC); Lynn Leopold, Village of Lansing; Roxy Johnston, City of Ithaca; Darby Kiley, Town of Ulysses; Tee Ann Hunter, Town of Ithaca, I O chair; Paulette Rosa, Town of Ithaca Clerk; Ric Deitrick, Town of Danby, CJ Randall, Town of Danby Planner; Dave Sprout, Town of Dryden; Katrina Binkewicz, Town of Lansing; Jackie Cassaniti, Town of Caroline

The minutes from July and September 2017 were approved. The financial statement is the same as September, with a balance of \$39,978, after receiving \$18,350 in dues from the municipalities (munis) around the lake and giving \$7,000 to the Floating Classroom.

The grant to implement the updated RPP that will be finalized soon was reviewed by some of the project partners, Hilary Lambert, Tee Ann Hunter, Paulette Rosa, and Katherine Bertuch. Concerns were:

1. There were some questions about public outreach, should it be less?
2. Central NY Regional Planning and Development Board doesn't want to take the leadership role, but will be involved.
3. They will apply for a waiver for women owned businesses.
4. RFP would work with CNYRPDB.

Stephanie Wojtowicz, from the DOS, has not responded yet.

There should be 2 committees set up for this grant: 1. a project advisory committee and 2. an interagency committee. The idea is to keep the first one lean and the second with a greater representation of many munis and agencies from around the lake, such as the counties, Finger Lakes Hub, soil and water districts, WRC, ag and markets, Fish and Wildlife, stream monitoring groups, CSI. Trout Unlimited, yacht, boating and recreation clubs, planning and highway departments, water districts, land trusts (Andy Zepp will be at the WRC meeting in November), Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Cornell Local Roads. Then pare it down to a workable group. There could be a kick-off meeting in Syracuse or Cortland.

Darby spoke to folks at "Engaged Cornell" that gives \$5,000 opportunity grants to local groups; there are a few Cornell-affiliated people who could sponsor the I O for the grant, Darby spoke to Candice M\_\_\_\_\_. The next grant application is due 2/9/17, and she may set up a pre-grant meeting so we know what to include in the application. Ric suggested Kate Supron, the Engaged Cornell, Coop, Ext. liaison, and he also reminded the I O that Tompkins County may give some money to the group. A question is how does one get the planning committees of munis to put the I O on their work plans? What about TCCOG? He said get people/minis to think about home projects, maybe prioritize erosion. Michelle mentioned that the city is interested in flooding and the sediment that comes down to the lake from the creeks outside the city.

There will be a hazard analysis meeting at the Ithaca water treatment plant on Wed., 11/1/17 at 2pm, for a kick-off meeting to define projects, consultants will be at this gathering including

USGS. Ric added that the city reservoirs are filling up with sediment from the creeks, and said Dryden built a huge retention field for the over-flow of water.

Tee Ann asked people to circulate lists for the committees.

Submitted by Jackie Cassaniti