

Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Organization (I O) Meeting Minutes 3/28/18

Attendance: Tee Ann Hunter, I O Chair, Town of (T) Ithaca; Paulette Rosa, T Ithaca, (secretary); Mike Solvig, T Ithaca, (finance); C J Randall, T Danby; Hilary Lambert, CLWN; Tom Vawter, T Lansing; Dave Sprout, T Dryden; Ric Deitrick, T Danby; Grace Bates, V Aurora; Michael Boggs, T Ulysses; Darby Kiley, T Ulysses; Roxy Johnston, C Ithaca; Becky Sims, T Enfield; Luria Green, Cornell student; Alison Truhlar, Cornell student; Jackie Cassaniti, T Caroline

The minutes from February, 2018 were accepted; the \$7,000 promised to the Floating Classroom was paid in February. As of the end of February, the I O had \$31,993.46. The money for the watershed summit will be paid for by Mike Solvig drawing money from the I O after receiving receipts.

The I O is inviting watershed officials, highway superintendents and public works personnel of the Cayuga Lake Watershed to a Watershed Summit. This will take place at the Seneca Falls Community Center, 35 Water Street, Seneca Falls, NY, Thursday, 4/19/18, from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (coffee at 8:30 and lunch at 12:30 by Dinosaur Bar-B-Que). Questions about the event, contact Tee Ann Hunter, thunter@town.ithaca.ny.us

There will be 6 presenters and breakout sessions.

Please **RSVP** by Wednesday, 4/11/18 to prosa@town.ithaca.ny.us or call Paulette at 607-273-1721, ext.110.

The grant funds from Cornell Engaged Opportunity was approved and the \$5,000 will be used for the watershed summit (W S), including a payment of \$3,000 to Kathy Bertuch from CNYRPDB to facilitate the summit. This grant was moved and accepted by the I O. A notice and the agenda of the W S will be sent to Basil Safi, Office of Engagement Initiatives at Cornell. This also allows Cornell students to participate in local government and as such 3 or 4 students will attend the WS.

A discussion was held about who should be invited to the W S; many ideas and names were mentioned, and they will be called. The community center can hold 132 people, and Tee Ann has received RSVP's from at least 20 people from around the watershed, this does not include I O members who will attend. Tee Ann and C J, possibly others, will meet with Kathy Bertuch in Syracuse to update and finalize the summit agenda. Ideas for the WS from this 3/28/18 meeting are:

1. The I O wants to get those from small municipalities to help them get grants to fix water problems.
2. Have presenters ready so the next speaker will quickly share their information.
3. Notes will be taken in the breakout sessions and shared with the whole group around noon.
4. There will be maps provided and brought by others to check regions in need of work.
5. Equipment will be available for slides and other presentations.
6. Talk about organizational structure (bylaws) of the I O and how to improve it.

7. Future meetings, always the 4th Wednesday of the month, especially the April and May I O meetings on 4/25 and 5/23 (places TBA, maybe Aurora?) will be added to the agenda. Would participants of the W S like to host a meeting in different places around the lake?

Alison Truhlar has been working on updating the Cayuga Lake I O website. She has added the Characterization and the updated Restoration and Protection Plan (RPP) and is looking for PDFs of printed projects; she would like other resources, (ex.) stormwater and MS4 information as well as links to partner organizations, such as CLWN, the water resources council, county soil and water departments, the Floating Classroom, and finished projects the I O has funded. Questions were about who will maintain it and will the I O have an email? How many tabs, such as home, about, minutes, resources, RPP and Characterization as well as a projects page. There should be a way of contacting the I O no matter which municipality is the lead organization and possibly a way to communicate through web meetings.

Submitted by Jackie Cassaniti