

Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Organization Meeting Minutes 7/25/18

Attendance: Tee Ann Hunter, Lynn Leopold, Deborah Dawson, Michael Boggs, Tony Del Plato, Michelle Henry, Cynthia Brock, C J Randall, Joe Wetmore, Mike Solvig, Darby Kiley, Dave Sprout, Roxy Johnston, Katrina Binkewicz, Paulette Rosa and Jackie Cassaniti

There will be no regular meeting in August, instead, the I O will take a ride on the TEAL, the new Floating Classroom. This will be Wednesday, August 29th, at 5pm SHARP at the Allan H Treman Marina State Park. Municipal reps and soil and water people may board the boat at 4:30, the trip will last until 7pm; speakers will be Hilary Lambert from CLWN and Bill Foster of the Floating Classroom. This will be catered by Wegman's and accommodate no more than 50 people (first come, first served, invitations to come).

The June minutes were approved, and the I O has a balance of \$27,191.51. After spending \$4,810.09 on the Watershed Summit, Mike Solvig said the money from the Cornell Engaged Opportunity Grant will be coming through very soon to reimburse the Town of Ithaca for the money spent on the Watershed Summit.

The Scope of Work for the Independent Contractor that will be hired to catalogue water-quality-related projects from municipalities (minis) and soil & water districts around the watershed was discussed, this will be a 3 month endeavor and pay \$2,000. The person will be hired through the Town of Ithaca, as the lead agency for the I O now. Added to last month's ideas, the consultant should also ask about Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB's) and how the munis sees the new RPP. This job will be posted on the county soil & water sites and the CLWN website. The applications should be submitted electronically, no paper applications. This will be a snapshot of what is going on in the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

The I O received the Park Grant for the TEAL, the floating classroom, Bill Foster has signed the papers. The I O will have a meeting on the TEAL in August, on Wed. 7/29, see above. This invitation will be combined with the dues letter to be sent to the munis. C J will help Tee Ann write the letter.

Roxy and Tee Ann had a meeting with Venetia Lannon, the Deputy Secretary of the Environment for Governor Cuomo, about the HAB's strategy. They wanted to know how to access money quickly, because the funding streams are in place, but they won't be able to get the money until next year. She asked Roxy and Tee Ann if the I O could help pilot a new way to get money to the watershed governance and "a more nimble funding stream." Having a steering committee with people from the I O who are interested in streamlining the procedure would help the process; ideas were to have some highway workers, maybe local roads people, local HAB's people, someone from CSI?, people from Cayuga and Seneca Counties as well as Tompkins County, water quality coordinating committees?, possible participants were discussed - people who get things done around the watershed; end up with 20 or so people. C J suggested that they should get people from small towns as they do the work, and Cynthia said get people from bigger munis as they have the ability to apply for the grants. Roxy suggested looking at the list of folks from the watershed summit who wanted to help out, Paulette got the list and some of them will be called.

Deborah said there would be a meeting of the Tompkins County Planning Development and Environmental Quality Committee on August 28th and Hilary Lambert and Tee Ann will be speaking about septic systems and HAB's.

Cynthia mentioned the Paddle Fest this weekend sponsored by CLWN at Taughannock State Park, and the City Harbor Project to be put in at the former Johnson Boat Yard with public docks and public floating docks.

Submitted by Jackie Cassaniti