

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council – Watershed Inspection Committee
March 27, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

Members present: Ed Wagner, Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Seth Jensen
Technical Advisors present: Dave Eckhardt
Others present: Drew Snell, Eileen O'Connor

Aileen McNabb-Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2018 meeting. Seth Jensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Drew Snell gave his report. While investigating suspicious odors, Mr. Snell discovered a dump site on a bank of a stream that runs into Koenig's Point as well as possible impacts from activities at the Rod and Gun Club. He will follow up with the property owners. An oil spill in Locke from a resident working on his car was adequately addressed by the Town DPW staff. Mr. Snell noticed steam coming out of a storm water drop inlet. He noticed a tile of some type discharging into the drop inlet. Eileen O'Connor said that the Health Department can check the adjacent houses for any sewage issues. Mr. Snell said he has encouraged the Town in the past to do an engineering study of their storm water system. A dredging project on the west shore in Fleming has had an appropriate permit to do the work. Mr. Snell removed a deer carcass from the lake. He also has noted a seep from the seawall in front of the Country Club that looks questionable. It was thought that this discharge may be connected to a storm water pipe that collects storm water from the golf course and homes in the area. A sample was submitted the lab for coliform and phosphorus analyses. Mr. Snell also reported that there are a lot of limbs and debris on the northern shore. He will contact the Sheriff's office to see if the inmate work crew can help remove the material. An excavation in the lake near Emmi Drive was noted. Mr. Snell will contact DEC about this issue. Mr. Snell has also noted an area where animals have access to a stream near Wykoff Rd in Scipio. The animals are not there presently, but Mr. Snell will contact the owner to let them know that animals in the stream is a violation. Ed Wagner asked Mr. Snell to send a copy of this letter to the Committee. Mr. Snell is also investigating a manure stockpile near a stream on Valentine Rd. He will send out a violation letter to the property owner.

The NYSDOT was contacted regarding the culvert in Groton and they will contact Mr. Snell after they do an inspection. Mr. Snell reported that Soil and Water staff are working on a long standing drainage issue off of Mobbs Rd, and that he responded to a complaint on Skinner Hill Rd regarding runoff from a gravel pit.

The WIP annual report was discussed. All comments must be received by April 3rd so any changes can be made at that time.

Mr. Snell would like to purchase a drone. This will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

Mr. Wagner requested that the Committee meet in the next two weeks to discuss transition issues. A bank account for the Council has been set up and the City will make their next quarterly payment by mid-April into this account. The signed contract with HR1 will be sent back to HR1 so the work can begin. A meeting was set up for next week.

Mr. Jensen said that the culvert cleanout will likely need a permit, so it is on hold at the present time.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 24, 2018

Minutes prepared by Eileen O'Connor, March 29, 2018