

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council – Watershed Inspection Committee  
May 22, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

Members present: Ed Wagner, Debby McCormick, Seth Jensen  
Technical Advisors present:  
Others present: Drew Snell, Bruce Natale, Eileen O'Connor

Debby McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2018 meeting. Seth Jensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Drew Snell gave his report. The discharge earlier attributed to an RV on Tollgate Hill Rd is coming from a basement sump pump. Pat Doyle is now CEO for the Towns of Niles, Locke, Owasco, and Scipio and the Village of Moravia. They will schedule a time to tour issues in Locke and the Village of Moravia including the Walnut Grove MHP. Pete Compton, Town of Locke Highway Superintendent, has given Mr. Snell a list of concerns in the Town of Locke that he will follow up on.

A pool drain was seen discharging into a ditch. Mr. Snell thought this type of action should be prohibited in the revised rules and regs. A complaint was received regarding a deposition of concrete-like material at a culvert outlet. The homeowner wants to know what the material is. Assistance and guidance was provided to a homeowner regarding a steep slope disturbance. A failing septic system was noted in Locke; the Health Department is working with the home owner to obtain a repair. Mr. Snell has followed up on shoreline construction project for which the homeowner obtained a permit from DEC. A sinkhole has been seen in a farm field. Mr. Snell will notify the farmer to avoid any ag activity in the area. The new motorsport facility may become a problem as it creates a lot of mud which enters the roadway. Mr. Snell will keep an eye on it.

The Tidd Farm has been designated as a CAFO and DEC will be bringing the operation into compliance. The new CEO of the Town of Skaneateles has been sending plans to Mr. Snell of any activity within the Town and the Owasco watershed. The manure pile off of Bird Cemetery Rd that was located too close to a stream has been removed. A farmer with a small beef hobby farm removed one of the manure stockpiles that was located too close to a stream and will be removing the second one soon.

A property owner may be selling a property that has been a concern for some time on Rockefeller Rd. Mr. Jensen will reach out to see if the owner would like to sell it to the City. This would be a good place to recreate a wetland. Mr. Snell will request a tour of the Lebrew/Vitale gravel site.

Mr. Jensen asked Drew to develop a short presentation that he can use at events to help educate the public on the WIP. He would like to see Mr. Snell attend one municipal Board meeting a month. Mr. Jensen also asked Mr. Snell to look into hiring a part-time position for the summer.

Mr. Snell will follow up with Jeff Dygert to move the vehicle registration along. A meeting to discuss any loose ends with the transition will be May 29.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 26, 2018

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