

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council – Watershed Inspection Committee
June 26, 2018– Monthly Meeting

Members present: Ed Wagner, Debby McCormick, Seth Jensen

Technical Advisors present: Don Bowen

Others present: Terry Cuddy, Drew Snell, Bruce Natale, Eileen O'Connor

Seth Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2018 meeting. Debby McCormick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Drew Snell gave his report. Neighbors near Frozen Ocean are concerned with the facility's impact on drainage. The owner has installed a berm to contain the mud flow from a recently installed mud bog area. There are no water quality issues presently. He will refer the issue to DEC to follow-up on the neighbors' drainage concerns. A commercial fertilizer spill, a swath 3 feet by ¼ mile, was found on a road near Suckerbrook. Mr. Snell contacted NYSDEC regarding the spill and they had NYSDOT clean it up with a street sweeper. NYSDEC is following up with the farmer. Mr. Snell had suggested to OWLA that they collect samples at a stream near this location and results of TP have been high. The cause of these results is not readily apparent. Mr. Snell will share the results with the nearby farmer.

Mr. Snell followed up on a logging complaint at the golf course near Benson Rd that the log skidders were being run through the stream. DEC has been involved and the logger is keeping the logs away from the stream banks. The CEO of the Town of Skaneateles was contacted and a building permit has not been issued for any construction project. Two complaints regarding failing streambank issues in Scipio and Locke have been referred to Soil and Water. A complaint regarding a manure/silage spoils application near Veness Brook was followed up on but no water quality impacts were noted.

Mr. Snell attended the Tompkins County Water Resources Council.

The farmer with a small beef hobby farm removed the second of his manure stockpiles that was located too close to a stream. Mr. Snell is following up on a potential privy located within 100 ft of Owasco Lake on Fire Lane 19.

Mr. Snell wants to purchase a drone. Mr. Jensen said the City is also considering purchasing a drone. Possibly one drone could be shared. Terry Cuddy said that a drone operator needs a Title 14 License. Ed Wagner asked Mr. Snell to look into obtaining a license and to obtain quotes with product specifications for the next meeting.

Mr. Wagner suggested that the WIC meet at 9 am prior to the OLWMC meeting. All agreed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 9 am on July 17, 2018

Minutes prepared by Eileen O'Connor, July 5, 2018