

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council – Watershed Inspection Committee
July 17, 2018– Monthly Meeting

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

Since there was not a quorum, no business was taken this meeting. Unofficial notes from the meeting are below.

Drew Snell gave his report. He followed up on a complaint that a stream has been diverted on the north side of Burtis Point causing flooding. NYSDOT was contacted but they will not do anything to address the problem. He referred this issue to Soil and Water. Other issues referred to Soil and Water were a streambank erosion concern at Indian Cove and an eroding railroad culvert on Fire Lane 11.

Mr. Snell reported that Soil and Water has also done the following this month: stabilized the a streambank near Cemetery Road in the Town of Skaneateles and installed fencing on the farm on Cheese Factory Road to keep the livestock out of the stream. These are projects referred to them by the WIP.

Mr. Snell summarized the Frozen Ocean concerns for the Town of Niles and closed the case as there are not water quality impacts.

A call regarding a possible HAB at Burtis Point was a false alarm. No HABs were seen.

The Town of Locke DPW reported dumping behind the Town Office, but no violation was seen.

A privy on lakefront property on Fire Lane 19 was referred to the Health Department for follow-up.

Mr. Snell investigated the cause of a massive sediment plume that entered the lake via the inlet after a severe storm hit Groton. He is following up with Tompkins County S&W to determine if the cause of the sediment can be addressed.

Pending items include the purchase of new business cards and magnets, an inspection of the stream in Filmore Glen with the NYS Parks staff, a discussion with Tompkins County S&W to obtain a grant to perform septic system inspections, and a referral of the farm south of the Village of Moravia to S&W to address livestock access to the Inlet.

Mr. Snell will bring the list of farm concerns to the next meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 9 am on August 21, 2018

Unofficial Notes prepared by Eileen O'Connor, August 6, 2018