

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council – Watershed Inspection Committee  
September 18, 2018– Monthly Meeting

Members present: Ed Wagner, Debby McCormick, Seth Jensen, Aileen McNabb-Coleman

Technical Advisors present:

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

Debby McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2018 meeting. Seth Jensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Drew Snell reported that he responded to a DEC complaint regarding site erosion related to construction on a site near Tompkins County. The property was not located within the Owasco watershed. Three farms that are currently allowing animal access to streams have been sent violation letters. Mr. Snell responded to a complaint by the S&W weed harvester operator who saw unusual-looking algae near Indian Cove. The substance was not identified. A septic system issue regarding an RV with a discharge pipe was referred to the Health Department for follow-up. Questionable properties with odors in Groton were noted. A meeting has been set up with Tompkins County Health Department and Soil and Water to discuss these properties. Mr. Snell responded to a barn fire in the Town of Locke, no water impacts were observed. A suspicious septic odor in the Town of Owasco was noted. Eileen O'Connor said the Health Department would follow up.

HABs have been seen near Owasco paddles and Dutch Hollow Brook.

Tompkins County Soil and Water has not gotten back to Mr. Snell regarding the sediment issue in Groton. He was asked to bring the issue up in his meeting that he has scheduled. It was discussed that the Tompkins County HD and S&W District should be invited to our Council meetings.

A doodle poll for 2019 budget meeting will be sent to all members.

The draft CWA CAFO permit was discussed. It was explained that no farms within Cayuga County or the Owasco Lake Watershed have this type of permit.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 9 am on October 16, 2018

Minutes prepared by Eileen O'Connor, September 21, 2018