

Owasco Lake Watershed Rules & Regulations
Steering Committee
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 @ 3:00pm
5th Floor Conference Room-County Office Building

Present: Kathleen Cuddy
Steve Lynch
Ken Post
Greg Rejman
Leslie Baxter
Deborah McCormick
Megan Bell
Andrew Snell
Ed Wagner
Jim Sierzenga
Mike Didio

Meeting began at 3:00pm

The group reviewed the previous meetings minutes and a few edits will be made and then they will get posted to the Steering Committee website.

Introductions were made as a new agricultural representative was present at the meeting, Jim Sierzenga, introduced himself and shared a little background information about himself. Andrew Snell also introduced himself as one of the Watershed Inspectors.

The group discussed the upcoming initial public meetings scheduled for Monday June 19th at 6:00pm at BOCES and Wednesday June 21st at 6:00pm at the Moravia High School Auditorium. The flyer with the meeting information was well circulated among the community as well as on social media and various local government websites. Most of the steering committee members are planning to attend one if not both of the initial public meetings and staff will also be attending to help write down comments/feedback/questions from the public to bring back to our next steering committee meeting.

Steve shared that he will begin the presentation with a brief introduction and then get started with the presentation. The group reviewed the presentation one more time and after some discussion and suggestions a few small edits were made. The goal is to keep it informative and to hold the public's interest.

Leslie asked if we should try to identify anyone interested in participating in the stakeholder groups at the meetings. Contact information of those people who express interest in participating in a stakeholder group would be collected and then at the next steering committee meeting arranged by stakeholder group and contacted for participation. Ed asked if the stakeholder groups would start with a draft of the revisions and work from there. The stakeholder groups will be

initially reviewing the feedback/discussion from the public meetings and hopefully that will foster discussion about revisions they feel are or aren't necessary. They will have a copy of the current rules to review hopefully prior to their initial meeting.

Greg shared an article about a lawsuit regarding CAFO's and whether the County Legislature will be joining in the lawsuit. The legislative meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 15th where this issue will be discussed.

A question arose whether there were any water quality experts involved in the process. Once the draft of the revised rules and regulations is submitted to the State Department of Health the first department to review them is the Bureau of Public Water supply.

Kathleen shared a draft version of the website. The goal is to have it up and running with all pertinent documents uploaded by Friday so it is available by the public meetings. The layout is simple and user friendly, consists mainly of the meeting minutes, important documents and a section where the public can submit feedback/comments or questions to the steering committee. Once it is live, the link will be shared with the group so that it can be posted on social media and other agency websites.

The group discussed adding additional members to the steering committee, but all felt the group was a good size and consisted of varied representatives. If anyone else expressed interest they would be directed to participate in either the stakeholder groups or the public participation meetings.

Kathleen shared that there will be a sign-in table at each of the meetings where people can sign-in and share their information if they choose to do so. The table will also have various helpful handouts and a large color map of the Owasco Lake Watershed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm with nothing further. A new doodle poll would be sent out for a time following the 4th of July holiday.