

Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2017
9:00am

Present: Kathleen Cuddy
Ed Wagner
Leslie Baxter
Greg Rejman
Ken Post
Megan Bell
Tim Schneider
Aileen McNabb-Coleman
Doug Kierst
Drew Snell
Eileen O'Connor
Seth Jensen
Deb McCormick
Scott Cook

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am.

The group reviewed the minutes from the previous Steering Committee meeting on 10/19/17 and the revised Lake Shore Stakeholder meeting. The minutes were acceptable to the group so they will be posted to the project website.

Introductions made as additional members were in attendance.

Kathleen shared that Steve Lynch was not able to be in attendance today. The group had decided at the last meeting to reach out and include several experts in our next meeting. The group intends to have these experts review the revisions made by the internal group for the initial draft of the Rules and Regs. The group shared with the additional members in attendance that we have had public meetings to begin the process, several steering committee meetings as we work through the process and there have also been a couple stakeholder group meetings as well. At the last steering committee meeting the group discussed how to move the project forward from this point. There will not be a draft submitted to the State by the end of the year as had hoped in the initial timeline, but the goal is to have an initial draft for our experts to review and comment on by the end of the year so that at the start of 2018 it can be presented back to the public for feedback.

Some internal staff from the County and the City have begun looking at the current rules and regs and offering clarification where they feel it is warranted and are trying to remove any redundancies or outdated language. The goal of this process is to have a more readable and understandable (to the general public) version. They are also looking at the Skaneateles Rules and Regs and noting things that they feel should be included in Owasco's as well. This information will be presented to the Steering Committee for comment and review before being

shared with the experts for their additional comments and review. The group has not worked on the definitions portion yet, but they do know that this is a vital piece to the project.

Greg asked Kathleen who was included in the internal group and Kathleen shared that it was members of the County Planning Department, members of the County Health Department and Seth from the City of Auburn.

Greg asked if someone from agricultural community should be on that committee as well and Kathleen mentioned that members of Soil and Water would be included in the experts group who would review and offer comment as well.

The internal group has plans to meet one more time to wrap up their work and then will be sending their draft to the steering committee for initial comment and get their authorization to send to the expert group for their comment and review.

The new hope is that the draft will go before the public shortly after the New Year. The group discussed holding stakeholder group meetings before the draft goes to the public as a whole and getting their comments and feedback.

Greg asked if there was a way to get the current rules and regs out to the public more. Leslie shared that we could send hard copies to all the towns in the watershed to leave at their offices for the public. Deb suggested going on the local radio stations and discussing the project or running something on ARMA. Ed suggested having a current version as well as an edited version available to the public at the public meetings so that they can compare and contrast and generate their questions and or feedback based off of that.

Greg shared that the agricultural community is also awaiting the release of the 9E plan as well as the updated rules and regulations and the TDML for Cayuga Lake and how they will all effect each other and which ones they will be required to follow.

Kathleen shared that there was also a lot of discussion at the internal group meeting on who will do the actual writing of the revisions; are they going to have someone internally do it or hire an outside consultant. Kathleen was hoping to have a hard copy to give members today, so they could start reviewing, but the group decided to meet one more time to wrap up their discussions.

Kathleen shared that Commissioner Ball from the NYS Department of Ag and Markets would like to meet with the Steering Committee on Wednesday, November 29th at 11:00am. Kathleen shared with the group that would be the next steering committee meeting as well.

Leslie asked about the other two stakeholder groups (Highway/Business/Contractors & Municipality Officials) and whether they had met or not. Kathleen shared that we have struggled to get interest for participation from either group and the steering committee will have to discuss how they would like to move forward with attempting to include them. Leslie asked about other stakeholder group and shared that have not received great interest from them

Ed asked Scott if he had heard any information from the State on the process for updating these regulations. Scott shared the experience that Canandaigua had when they were updating their rules and regs. Scott felt that after the last two summers NYSDOH would be receptive. Scott shared that he can ask other staff members who have been involved in these processes before and share that with the group. NYSDOH and NYSDEC have a phone call coming up this week to discuss HABs, as an unofficial close to the bloom season. Scott also mentioned that there are DEC regulations to pertain to the Owasco Lake Watershed and that the group will want to keep those in mind when updating to be sure that they are inclusive of those regulations.

The group discussed various ways to get information regarding the current rules and regs as well as the update project out to the public. Drew shared that if the group had any handouts or information they could pass it along to him and Tim and they would hand it out during their daily activities. The group also discussed reaching the portion of the watershed that is not in Cayuga County. Kathleen shared that they have been included in correspondence and are aware of the project, but may need a person-to-person visit. Code Enforcement officers may also be a good way to get information about the current regs and the update project out the communities within the watershed.