

**Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday July 14, 2017 at 3:00pm
5th Floor Conference Room**

Present: Ken Post, OWLA
Megan Bell, CCHD
Ed Wagner, Town of Owasco
Greg Rejman, Agricultural Representative
Mike Didio, Cayuga County Legislature
Steve Lynch, Cayuga County Planning Dept.
Deb McCormick, City of Auburn
Kathleen Cuddy, CCHD
Jim Sierzenga, Agricultural Representative

Not present: Leslie Baxter
Aileen McNabb-Coleman

Meeting Started at 3:05pm.

The group reviewed the previous meeting minutes and were in agreement regarding their form and content. The minutes will be posted to the Owasco Lake Watershed Project website.

Ed asked if the County had voted on supporting the CAFO lawsuit and Mike shared that it was tabled at the last legislature meeting.

Kathleen shared that the items on the meeting's agenda included: identifying those who have reached out and expressed interest in participating in one of the stakeholder groups and decide how to reach out to those individuals and to also review and begin categorizing the comments from the public meetings and those that have come in via the project website.

The group discussed how they felt the public meetings went. Most felt the meetings went well and were very well attended. However, some of the group got the impression from people at the Moravia meeting that they would have liked something in a draft form to work off of and comment on.

Greg asked if there was going to be a "water quality experts" stakeholder group or role for those individuals in the process. The group discussed various water experts that could be reached out to.

The group discussed some of the feedback that they were receiving from potential stakeholders and various members of the public about what they would like included/removed or changed from the current rules and regulations. Steve shared that he tried to answer as many questions as he could during the presentations, but he couldn't answer them all. The group will generalize the

comments/feedback and categorize them and then put them in a readable format before posting a general FAQ style document to the project's website.

The group also shared contact information for those members of the public that had expressed interest in participating in one of the stakeholder groups. Members of the group discussed providing the stakeholder groups with a draft of the current regulations with some of the suggested comments/feedback inserted as well as comments/feedback from the "experts" to begin as a very informal draft to begin their review. All agreed that providing the stakeholder groups with something to work from would be very beneficial. An initial letter will be sent to those who have expressed interest in participating in one of the stakeholder groups, recognizing their desire and verifying their contact information and will discuss the level of commitment. Once stakeholder groups are formed each group will receive a packet of information that will include: the existing rules and regulations, a rough draft with definitions and a sheet that has rules and regulations from surrounding areas. A list of "experts" will also be included should the group have questions.

The group again discussed the timeline for this project and the goal of having a submission to the State by the end of the year. The group is hoping that by reviewing the timeline periodically helps keep things on task.

Ed shared that he felt it was important for the steering committee to have a physical presence at the stakeholder meetings to assist with any questions.

At the next meeting the group will work on organizing feedback and public comments and will review the stakeholder information packet.

Meeting concluded at 4:00pm