

# TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

**January 28, 2013  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Members Attending:**

Name		Representation
Sharon Anderson	P	Cooperative Extension
John Andersson	P	At-Large
Fay Benson	P	Agriculture
Ed Bugliosi	P	USGS
Liz Cameron	P	T C Environmental Health
Scott Carpenter	P	At-Large
Sarah Dwyer	P	Business/Industry
Bill George	P	Municipal
Barry Goodrich	P	Watershed Organization
Roxy Johnston	P	Water Purveyor
Joan Jurkowich	P	T C Planning
Dan Karig	P	Recreation
Darby Kiley	P	Municipal
Lynn Leopold	P	Municipal
Rick Manning	exc	At-Large

Name		Representation
Gregg McConnell	P	At-Large
Jim McGarry	P	EMC Liaison
Frank Proto	P	At-Large
Elaine Quaroni	P	At-Large
Marjory Rinaldo-Lee	P	Environment
Craig Schutt	P	SWCD
<i>Dooley Kiefer</i>	<i>exc</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Jose Lozano</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>John Mawdsley</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Todd Miller</i>	<i>exc</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Steve Penningroth</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Mary Shelley</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Tom Vawter</i>		<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Linda Wagenet</i>		<i>Associate Member</i>
Kathy Wilsea	P	Staff

**Guests:** John Abel (Cayuga Lake Watershed Network), Becky Bowen (Community Science Institute), Casey Halton (CSI), Mark Witmer (CLWN), Matt Yarrow (CSI)

Chairman Frank Proto called the meeting to order at 4:17 PM

**Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes** – There were no changes to the agenda. Draft minutes were accepted without change. Final minutes are available on the WRC website: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/planning/committees/WRC/WRCagendaminutes.htm>

**Election of 2013 Officers** – Barry Goodrich reported for the nominating committee. Members were canvassed for interest in serving as officers. Nominations were opened from the floor, and Joan Jurkowich nominated Marjory Rinaldo-Lee for any slot. Barry announced all 2012 officers are willing to serve again in 2013, with Marjory as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Barry moved the committee’s slate of Frank Proto, Chair; Marjory Rinaldo-Lee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, and himself as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Seconded by Lynn Leopold and passed by unanimous show of hands.

**Committee Reports – Aquifer:** Did not meet. Frank announced the resolution for the County share of funding for the Enfield aquifer study is on the agenda for the next Legislature meeting. Ed Bugliosi said USGS funds are available on a year-to-year basis, first come first served.

**Cayuga Lake Monitoring Partnership:** Roxy Johnston announced a workshop is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon for review of the quality Assurance Project Plan. The link for QAPP info will be shared by email.

**Education:** Elaine Quaroni reported she was trying to coordinate responses to Tom Evans’ letter that sought needed training topics. There was little response from members, and Tom is no longer an employee of Southern Tier East Regional Planning & Development Board, so she will not pursue this. The Committee continues to support the Hydrilla Task Force, and could help design and distribute the Stream Committee’s

arsenic fact sheet. Kathy Wilsea thanked Elaine for submitting the only committee report to date for the WRC Annual Report.

Executive: Frank reported the committee reviewed and finalized the WRC comment letter to DEC on proposed regulations for high-volume hydrofracturing.

Gas Drilling ad hoc Committee: Marjory Rinaldo-Lee said Liz Cameron wrote a new letter to the Governor on the process and issues outside the review for the draft regulations on HVHF. This went to members by email on Friday. The letter was moved as drafted by Joan Jurkowich, seconded by Roxy Johnston. Edits were offered in discussion and the revised document was accepted by unanimous voice vote. Liz was thanked for drafting this letter. Frank noted the County Legislature sent a similar letter.

Grants: Craig Schutt reviewed some changes in the Governor's proposed EPI budget, which was available in the mail folder. Frank said information was recently in the Ithaca Journal, which reported some of the new increases proposed for EPI come from continuation of the utilities surcharge.

Lake Source Cooling SPDES Permit and TMDL ad hoc Committee: Roxy reported the committee drafted the letter to EPA and DEC that members received by email on Friday. There is no timeline for this, but she feels it is important to keep the conversation with DEC alive. This letter is to both agencies as followup on a letter sent by EPA in October to DEC to press for permit changes and start of TMDL. The letter was edited during discussion. A list of members and their affiliations will be enclosed. Letter moved by Marjory, seconded by Sharon Anderson and passed by unanimous voice vote. Authors were thanked with a round of applause.

Streams: Dan Karig reported they will meet next week with Jon Nagley of SWCD on engineering aspects of stream remediation projects.

Wetlands: Darby Kiley said they are continuing to develop their mapping proposal.

New member Sarah Johnson Dwyer was welcomed and introductions were made around the room.

**Committee Signups** – 2012 committee chairs provided brief overviews of committee work. Joan Jurkowich reminded chairs to review the Water Quality Strategy (updated 2012) and draw their goals from that document. Lynn Leopold asked if WRC would be examining the proposed rules changes for CAFOs. Darby and Craig said the deadline for comments has passed. A speaker on this topic may be found for a future WRC meeting.

**Chair and Staff Reports** – Frank asked committee chairs to submit articles for the Annual Report, which will then be scheduled for discussion at the PEEQ legislature committee. Kathy Wilsea reported the courtroom furniture has been moved out of the second floor of the Old Courthouse in preparation for renovations and the move of the County Legislature into this space.

**Report from the Hydrilla Task Force** – Roxy Johnston reported interviews have just wrapped up for the Project Coordinator. A management plan is in place, and they have updated the monitoring plan. Draft monitoring data from Bob Johnson is very detailed, and probably will also be useful in TMDL discussions. There is no information on strategy or permits for the hydrilla found in Tonowanda, and Craig said Niagara County SWCD just received contact from DEC. Roxy heard from a Vermont staff member at a regional meeting that this infestation extends 15 miles, but Roxy still considers that treatable. Perhaps WRC should send a letter to DEC to encourage staff be allowed to attend regional meetings. Frank would like hydrilla to be a future meeting topic, too, with a guest speaker.

**Adjournment** -- The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Wilsea, Secretary, Tompkins County Planning Department.

Adopted by the Council on February 25, 2013.