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## TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

**June 17, 2013  
Meeting Minutes**

### Members Attending:

Name		Representation
Sharon Anderson	P	Cooperative Extension
John Andersson	P	At-Large
Fay Benson	A	Agriculture
Ed Bugliosi		USGS <i>ex officio</i>
Liz Cameron	P	T C Environmental Health
Scott Carpenter	P	At-Large
Sarah Dwyer	E	Business/Industry
Bill George	P	Municipal
Barry Goodrich	P	Watershed Organization
Roxy Johnston	P	Water Purveyor
Joan Jurkowich	P	T C Planning
Dan Karig	E	Recreation
Dooley Kiefer	P	Legislature Liaison
Darby Kiley	P	Municipal
Lynn Leopold	P	Municipal

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

**Guests:** James Balyszak, Kathy Halton (Danby Town Board), George Fowler (T.G. Miller P.C.), Chris Bordlemay (Cornell Water)

Chairman Frank Proto called the meeting to order at 4:21 PM

**Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes** – There were no changes to the agenda. Draft minutes were moved by Lynn Leopold, seconded by Barry Goodrich. On line 67, “site outside the Inlet” was changed to “Tonowanda infestation”. Amended minutes accepted by unanimous voice vote. Final minutes are available on the WRC website: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/planning/committees/WRC/WRCagendaminutes.htm>

**Report on the June 12 Cayuga Lake Modeling Project Public Meeting** – Frank apologized for being short tempered in his comments during the meeting. WRC was again accused – of supporting Lake Source cooling because members accepted bribes. For newer members, he reviewed the original Monitoring Partnership agreement with Cornell that sought reduction of duplicative monitoring sites. Linda Wagenet said she appreciated that Frank had spoken up, because the repeat accusations are tiring.

Roxy Johnston reported on the meeting, and meeting notes are attached to the end of these minutes. The meeting was moderated by Diane Carlson of DEC, with Jeff Myers, Director of the DEC Bureau of Water Assessment, and Steve Effler, of Upstate Freshwater Institute, speaking and participating in the question and answer period. The DEC public comment period for the Lake Source Cooling SPDES permit renewal drew evenly-divided pro and con comments. The QAPP, all reports, and data are

available on the web. Public meetings will continue, and DEC is trying to put together a technical committee. Slide shows from the meeting will be posted to the Modeling Project website (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/88250.html#TMDL>).

**Report From the Hydrilla Task Force** – James Balyszak, Hydrilla Program Manager, said we are moving closer to beginning the 2013 treatment season. Permits are in place for the first round of herbicide. Funding is in place. Outreach has begun at the Farmers Market, and one meeting was held with West Shore Homeowners. Conference calls are happening among counties with hydrilla and other invasive species. Steward training occurred at Finger Lakes Institute, and Kristen Stewart will be working as the steward in Ithaca. Bob Johnson is now testing for tubers weekly, and finding 15 to 20 per square meter. Tubers are beginning to sprout, which is later than occurred last year, due to temperatures. The first herbicide application will probably occur around July 11.

The Army Corps of Engineers has been established as the lead agency for the Tonowanda site. Three of their five core samples showed no tubers. The other two core samples showed 89 tubers per square meter, which is lower than Ithaca's 2011 tests which showed 100 to 300 tubers per square meter. Bob Johnson visited one infested pond in Broome County last week; ownership of the other infested pond is unclear.

**Status Report on Bylaws Update** – Frank reported the Executive Committee and Dooley Kiefer met twice to discuss changes. They realize we are not doing all we are charged with. There is no urgency to bring the changes to the full council for vote, but there is a specific notification period and 2/3 vote requirement spelled out in the existing Bylaws.

**Committee Reports** – Streams: Barry Goodrich reported that a CSI volunteer monitoring symposium was held in Caroline, where Dan Karig provided history and Barry gave a slide show. The meeting was well attended. Synoptic sampling begins soon in Sixmile Creek. Barry also provided a walking tour of the stream restoration projects, with nine participants. The Streams committee continues to study chloride in Sixmile Creek.

Aquifer: Todd Miller reported they continue to work on the arsenic fact sheet. Future aquifer reports from USGS will only be published online.

Education: Elaine Quaroni reported they continue doing hydrilla outreach and will get the arsenic fact sheet ready for distribution.

**Chair Report** – There was consensus to cancel the August meeting.

**Announcements** – Roxy said the recent article in the Ithaca Journal concerning carcinogens in drinking water from Bolton Point was not well written, and real risks are low. Roxy's office got a few calls following the article. Liz Cameron said the Health Department received no calls, and the City has installed aerators in some tanks to resolve some of the problems.

**Staff Report** – Kathy Wilsea announced she is retiring next month, and her last day at the office will be 7/26. The Planning Department has begun to look for a new staff member.

**Adjournment** -- The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Wilsea, Secretary, Tompkins County Planning Department.  
Adopted by the Council on July 15, 2013.