

TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

**March 17, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending:

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

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| Lynn Leopold | P | Municipal |
| Jim McGarry | P | EMC Liaison |
| Jon Negley | P | Soil & Water |
| Frank Proto | P | At-Large |
| Elaine Quaroni | P | At-Large |
| Marjory Rinaldo-Lee | P | Environment |
| <i>Jose Lozano</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>Associate Member</i> |
| <i>John Mawdsley</i> | <i>A</i> | <i>Associate Member</i> |
| <i>Todd Miller</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>Associate Member</i> |
| <i>Steve Penningroth</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>Associate Member</i> |
| <i>Mary Shelley</i> | <i>E</i> | <i>Associate Member</i> |
| <i>Tom Vawter</i> | <i>A</i> | <i>Associate Member</i> |
| <i>Linda Wagenet</i> | <i>A</i> | <i>Associate Member</i> |
| Jennifer Turner | P | <i>TC Planning</i> |

Guests: James Balyszak, Hydrilla Program Manager

Chairman Frank Proto called the meeting to order at approximately 4:25 PM.

303D Draft Letter Update – Frank Proto confirmed the 303D letter was forwarded to the DEC on Friday. He showed support and appreciation to all the members that were involved in the review and drafting of the letter. He emphasized the clarifications that Joan made to the letter and the edits Jose made, and how helpful the language changes were in making it an easier read.

Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes – **MOVED** by Marjory Rinaldo-Lee, seconded by Chris Bordlemay, to approve the minutes from January 27, 2014 as re-submitted. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the members present.

Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes – **MOVED** by Joan Jurkowich, seconded by Barry Goodrich, to approve the February 24, 2014 minutes as submitted. One revision to lines 47-50 was accepted to remove 303d committee re-draft the letter, give all members of the WRC the opportunity to comment, and send a final draft for action to the Executive Committee by March 12 and replace with Executive Committee review the letter give all members of the WRC the opportunity to comment, and send a final draft for action to the Executive Committee by March 12. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the members present.

Final minutes are available on the WRC website:

<http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/planning/committees/wrc/wrcagenda-minutes>

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Committee Reports –

Cayuga Lake Monitoring Partnership: Roxy reported that last month their group submitted lengthy comments to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The comments were largely generated from by presentations given at the meeting TAC public meeting held on January 15th. Last month’s Partnership meeting was spent trying to generate comments on the States 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. The group could not reach consensus and therefore did not send a letter. Roxy went on to say that she and Rich DePaolo sent individual letters to the DEC representing the divergent viewpoints. Roxy reported that Brent Cross from Cayuga Heights would adopt the Partnership’s draft letter, which proposed removing the pathogen impairment and a statement that the south end of the lake is meeting the phosphorus standard, and send it in as their own to the DEC. In April Upstate Freshwater Institute (UFI) will attend the Partnership meeting to further discuss the comments submitted to the TAC.

Hydrilla Update – James Balyszak opened the report to discuss the DEC yearly peer review which involves a conference call with experts and panelists from all over the country that will weigh in the possible treatment options. This peer review is the final step that will take place between March 28 and April 17th and will determine the possible treatment options for the year. The Fish and Wildlife Service FY12 funding is close to being fully used up. No reimbursement requests have been submitted for the 1st Quarter of 2014. . Bob Johnson has completed the 2013 Monitoring Report which compiles field surveys and monitoring data to include the reduction in Hydrilla population numbers, not only vegetation above but also the tuber population below the sediment, native plant population in the Inlet, Fall Creek and the entire southern end of Cayuga Lake. Once the final review has been completed the data will be available on the Stophydrilla.org web site. NYS DEC funding is inaccessible until the Federal funding is depleted; a meeting will be held with Kristy LaManche who works with FLOWPA, in order to gain access to the state funding. NYS Parks has received grant funding from Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which will cover funding for boat stewards this season from Lake Erie, Niagara River, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. The proposed lampricide treatment has been set for June by the DEC; there are concerns with the possible increased toxicity with the fluridone treatments going on at the same time. Ultimately, through discussion with Emily Zollweg-Horan from the DEC, it was discovered that the proposed levels of treatment and the treatment schedule dates ~~for~~ will not interfere with one another; Lampricide treatments are scheduled for June and Fluridone treatments are scheduled for either August or September. A local outreach meeting was held last Tuesday which included a possible collaboration with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Hillary Mosher was hired as the Director of Finger Lakes-PRISM, Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management.

Committee Reports: Each Committee identified their chair, regular meeting schedule and proposed work activities.

Cayuga Lake Monitoring Partnership – Roxy Johnston (Chair)

Meeting Time – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM at the Cooperative Extension

Work activities:

- Provide input on the monitoring modeling effort
- Provide feedback to the Technical Advisory Committee

Education Committee – Elaine Quaroni (Chair)

Meeting Time – 2nd Monday 2:30 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension

Work Activities:

- Keep the website up to date
- Assist the Hydrilla Outreach Committee.

84 • Educational Outreach to municipalities regarding the Cayuga Lake Modeling project and the
85 possible TMDL.
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87 **Budget:** \$200 (brochures)
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90 **Executive Committee** – To be determined
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93 **Grants Committee** – Jonathan Negley (Chair)
94 **Meeting Time** – On an as needed basis
95 **Budget** – none
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97 **Nominating Committee** – Joan Jurkowich (Chair)
98 Meeting and budget to be determined
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100 **Recreation Committee** – Lynn Leopold (Chair)
101 **Work Activities:**
102 • Create brochures for motor/muscle powered motor sports
103 • Work on creating wildlife sanctuary for water fowl
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105 **Streams Committee** – Dan Karig (Chair)
106 **Meeting Time** – 4th Monday at 3pm - USGS office, 30 Brown Rd.
107 **Work Activities:**
108 • Preparing work plan for next year (deeply vested in chloride and sodium)
109 (Scott Doyle will be submitting a grant proposal to US DOT to assess local pipeline safety -this topic will be
110 brought up at the next meeting)
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113 **Aquifer Committee** – Todd Miller (Chair)
114 **Meeting Time** - 4th Monday at 4pm - USGS office, 30 Brown Rd.
115 **Work Activities:**
116 • Create arsenic brochures
117 **Budget:** To be determined (cost of print job)
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120 **Wetlands Committee** – Darby Kiley (Chair)
121 **Meeting time:** 2nd Wednesday at 4:30pm
122 **Work Activities:**
123 • Began mapping project (needs the whole committee to review and provide input)
124 • Application to the Park Foundation to get the rest of the county mapped (July deadline)
125 • Provide feedback of the mapping work to the Storm-water Coalition and coordinate that with the
126 Watershed Network
127 **Budget:** none (seeking funding from Park Foundation)
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130 **Chair's Report** – Frank Proto mentioned having a draft of the annual report available at the next meeting.
131 He also requested an update on the City of Ithaca water treatment plant upgrades and an update on whether
132 dredging will ever take place. John Negley suggested having George Schuler from the Nature Conservancy
133 come present at an upcoming meeting. John Negley will get together with Jennifer Turner and George
134 Schuler to discuss the topics for his presentation.

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136 **Staff Reports** – Dooley Kiefer suggested members look into the letter the EMC sent regarding Lampreys in
137 Cayuga Lake. Jon Negley discussed the floodplain mapping project. He noted that the DEC is looking into
138 updating the FEMA flood maps. Elaine Quaroni suggested having Andy Zepp from the Finger Lakes Land
139 Trust present at an upcoming meeting. Roxy Johnston asked members if they would like to hear a
140 presentation from the City of Ithaca regarding the why there are so many issues with floodwater. Frank noted
141 that both ideas will be considered for future presentations.

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143 **Adjournment** –
144 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:07 PM.

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148 Respectfully submitted,
149 Jennifer Turner, Administrative Assistant
150 Tompkins County Planning Department

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152 Adopted by the Council on April 21, 2014
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