

TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

**October 20, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present (8): John Andersson (Associate), Liz Cameron, Barry Goodrich, Dan Karig, Elaine Quaroni (Associate), Cindy Schulte, Mary Shelley, Linda Wagenet

Members Excused (11): Ed Bugliosi, Carol Chock, Roxy Johnston, Joan Jurkowich, Dooley Kiefer (Associate), Darby Kiley, Rick Manning, Todd Miller (Ex-Officio), Frank Proto, Nick Schipanski, Craig Schutt

Members Absent (4): Dan Konowalow, Bud Shattuck, Paul Tunison, Roger Yonkin

Staff Present (1): Kathy Wilsea (T C Planning Dept.)

Guests Present (2): Pat Foster, Amber Nolder

Acting Chair Barry Goodrich called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM.

Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes – Due to low attendance, the agenda item on the Retiree Environmental Stewardship Program will be rescheduled. The draft minutes of September 15 were amended by Dooley Kiefer (comments provided to Kathy Wilsea) and Mary Shelley. Because the Council lacked a quorum, the minutes were not approved. The revised draft will be distributed with the next agenda.

Stormwater Coalition Update – Cindy Schulte provided a written report. She welcomes comments and questions.

Recommendations for Appointments – The Nominating/Membership Committee met last week. Dan Karig reported they will make contacts with applicants for at-large and economic development seats and make recommendations for those appointments next month. All applications plus the committee's recommendations for other seats were passed around for member review.

Committee Reports – Dredging: Dan Karig reported the City of Ithaca hosted a meeting recently with representatives of DEC, the Canal Corporation, and EcoLogic. The City plans to set up a website for public information, with a passworded section for committee members. Discussions are becoming more focused. The Canal Corporation has conducted soundings and recommends dredging to 80 to 100 feet wide, and of part of the Inlet to a required depth. EcoLogic has conducted a habitat/bio study, and has identified plants and waterfowl of concern. Core samples have not been completed yet. A dewatering spot is still needed. WRC/CU Monitoring Plan: An update memo from Joan Jurkowich was distributed. It included the resolution passed by the County Legislature. Roxy Johnston had provided info by email to Kathy Wilsea, which she read for members. The Stormwater Coalition and the Town of Caroline passed resolutions of support. Roxy has made presentations to the conservation boards of the towns of Ithaca and Dryden, and both are considering formal support. A group of professors and grad students has started to

meet and talk about phosphorus. They will help WRC with outreach on this topic and also help answer questions. Information about the Upstate Freshwater Institute report on phosphorus will be in an article in the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network newsletter as well as other publications with links to more generic websites. The UFI report will be a topic for a presentation at the upcoming FLOWPA conference. Wetlands: John Andersson reported they met in September and discussed model ordinances.

Announcements/Other Business – Guests introduced themselves. Amber Nolder is a volunteer with the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network. Pat Foster is a participant in the Retiree Environmental Stewardship Program.

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wilsea, Planning Department Secretary
Adopted by the Council on November 17, 2008.