

**Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force Meeting**  
**Honeoye Public Library**  
**6:00 PM April 24th, 2025**

Meeting called to order by Terry Gronwall at 6:00 pm.

Present: Terry Gronwall (HLWTF), Dorothy Gronwall (HVA), Bruce Gilman (FLCC). Betsey Landre (OC Planning), Mark Adams (Naples), Steve Barnhoorn (Richmond), Jerry Elman (HVA), Jennifer May (ONTSWCD).

Approval of October 24th, 2024 meeting minutes: Moved by SB, second MA; carried.  
Approval of Financial Report: Moved by JE, second SB; carried.

**New Business**

Approval to pay OCSWCD 4Q24 Services Invoice \$459.00 and 1Q25 Services Invoice \$867.00: Moved SB, second MA; carried.

Approval to pay Finger Lakes Institute for water quality lab processing up to \$3,300.00. This will cover lab processing for 8 water quality sample sets and 14 Blue-green algae toxin tests: Moved SB, second MA; carried.

**Old Business**

Finger Lakes Watershed Grants Program Award (Dec. 2023) Update – B. Landre, OCPD  
-Funded by the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Honeoye Lake boat cleaning station and aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention project, \$39,985. Betsy and Terry met with NYS Parks Honeoye state boat launch manger on April 23. Decided to locate our new boat cleaning station in the western most three parking spaces of the outer parking lot. That way boaters swill be able to use the boat cleaning station on the way in and out.

**2025 Weed Harvesting Program Update – B. Landre, OCPD**

- The program will be running this year from July through Labor Day (8-week program). Three core staff members are coming back this summer and more opportunities are available to help.
- An agreement with the Town of Naples to buy one of their used dump trucks that would have gone to auction has been approved. Funding will be through a Grant with NYS.

**DEC Pilot Study to Control Phosphorus in Honeoye Lake Update – Terry Gronwall, HLWTF**

- Expect DEC to hold a public information meeting in 2025 to report on their findings on the effectiveness of their November 2022 Alum Treatment pilot.

**DEC WQIP Aeration Engineering Planning Grant Project – B. Landre, OCPD, T. Gronwall**

- No activity due to DEC post Alum Treatment monitoring.
- Still looking for successful aeration case studies to help justify moving forward with an aeration system for Honeoye Lake.

**Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District Grant Projects – Jenny May, OCSWCD, T. Gronwall,**

- Received a \$250,000 DEC WQIP grant to assist Ontario County town highway departments purchase live edge snow plow blades to reduce road salt usage, weather stations, and salt monitoring devices.
- Received a \$15,000 OCWRC grant for Sandy Bottom Park Lake bank stabilization. Jeremy Paris, OCSWCD is currently working on the planning and design for the project.
- Great Lakes Funding for agricultural projects has been submitted.

-Several sites have finished treatment and monitoring for the invasive Woolly Adelgid.

Town of Richmond Outlet Creek and Mill Creek Master Plan Project Update – S. Barnhoorn  
Mill Creek Phase I completed late 2024 & shale removed from outlet creek January 2025.

- Phase 2 has been completed with the DEC emergency permit to clean out the shale in the Creek.
- Phase 3 has begun with MRB engineering to develop a plan.
- Federal USDA funding has been restored to recommend and design long term migration projects to improve the water flow in Mill Creek and the Outlet Creek.

Grant Proposal NSF Ecosystem Science Division of Environmental Biology–Gronwall & Gilman  
Jacalyn Wittmer Malinowski, SUNY Geneseo to study bottom sediments. Grant pending.

- Bottom sediment study on Conesus Lake was just finished, which evaluated and studied core samples that were collected. TG inquired about having a study conducted on Honeoye Lake.
- Grant proposal was submitted, waiting to hear about funding.

2024 HLWTF Projects –

Published 2025 HLWTF Newsletter in January 2025 (Complete) – T. Gronwall, HLWTF  
-Newsletter completed

Collect lake water quality data May-October (May-Oct 2025) – T. Gronwall, HLWTF  
-Getting ready to start taking water samples

Blue-green Algae blooms reported to NYSDEC (Jun-Oct 2024) – T. Gronwall, HLWTF  
HLWTF weekly water quality blog updates (May-Oct 2025) – T. Gronwall, HLWTF

2025 HLWTF meeting schedule April 24, July 24, & Oct. 23 at 6 PM at Honeoye Public Library.

Motion to adjourn at 7:17pm moved by TG, second SB; carried.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer May (Jenny), Ontario County SWCD.

Chairperson:

Terry Gronwall

Date:

7/24/25