

Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force Meeting

Honeoye Public Library

6:00 PM July 24th, 2025

Attending:

Terry Gronwall – HLWTF/Town of Canadice

Dorothy Gronwall- HVA

Jerry Elman- HVA

Mark Adams- Town of Naples

Betsy Landre- Ontario County Planning Department

Steve Barnhorn- Town of Richmond

Megan Webster- Ontario County SWCD

Meeting called to order by Terry Gronwall at 6:06pm.

Approval of April 24th, 2025 meeting minutes: Moved by SB, second by JE; carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Moved by MA, second by SB; carried.

New Business

Approval to pay OCSWCD 2Q25 Services Invoice for \$331.50. Moved by SB, second by MA; carried.

Old Business

Finger Lakes Watershed Grants Program Award (Dec. 2023) Update – B. Landre

Honeoye Lake CD3 boat cleaning station and aquatic invasive species prevention project:

Besty shared the CD3 Boat Cleaning System was installed in June. She shared user data from cleaning sessions that highlighted air and vacuum tools as the main tools used.

Alaina Robarge from Ontario County SWCD will be creating a flyer for public outreach. The boat cleaning station should be in place till October. There have been no operational problems to date.

2025 Weed Harvesting Program Update– B. Landre

Betsy shared the weed harvester began harvesting July 3rd. The crew are in their third week and have been able to meet all harvesting requests to date.

DEC Pilot Study to Control Phosphorus in Honeoye Lake Update – T. Gronwall

The DEC Program Manager updated Terry that an independent consultant has completed their report to DEC on the alum treatment. DEC senior management will be reviewing the report before its release.

DEC WQIP Aeration Engineering Planning Grant Project – T. Gronwall

The report on the November 2022 Alum Treatment Pilot will determine next steps for an aeration system, as well as coordinating with DEC on plans for addressing internal loading.

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District Grant Project Updates – M. Webster

The District is still waiting on the contract from DEC for WQIP Round 20 Road Salt Reduction grant. Municipalities will be purchasing materials once the contract has been finalized.

Permits have been submitted for Sandy Bottom Park Shoreline Stabilization project. Work was tentatively scheduled for September but is dependent on permitting.

An application was submitted for WQIP Round 21-Genesee River Watershed Roadside Stabilization Program Grant. If funded, the Town of Canadice will stabilize six sites of severely eroding roadside of Jersey Hill as well as additional flexamat material installation.

The District has submitted several grants for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) programs including an Eastern Genesee River Watershed Phosphorus Reduction Project as well as a Central Finger Lakes Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Management Project.

The District is assisting the Town of Richmond with a permit for Sandy Bottom Park snowmobile bridge replacement.

The District will be holding a rain barrel workshop with Birdhouse Brewing with sponsorship and date to be determined.

Ontario County Planning Department and the District are assisting with the Genesee River Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) that asks for public input on areas of concern in the watershed to help focus sediment and nutrient reduction efforts. A public meeting will be held at Town of Richmond Town Hall on August 26th 2-3:30pm.

Terry asked that any members should identify areas of concern to share, such as locations with visible issues after storm events where action could be taken.

Town of Richmond Outlet Creek and Mill Creek Master Plan Project Update – S. Barnhoorn

Steve shared the Town is in Phase 3 of the Mill Creek/Honeoye Outlet Project. MRB submitted a draft report to DEC regarding the accumulation of material under the 20 A bridge.

Jacalyn Malinowski, SUNY Geneseo NSF grant proposal - T. Gronwall

The application for lake sediment research was not awarded funding. Alternative funding will be sought for the project.

Honeoye Lake 2022-2024 Water Quality data review – T. Gronwall

Terry shared data that highlighted improvements in 2024 water quality over 2022 and 2023. The dissolved oxygen levels leading to anoxic conditions showed a correlation to decreased water quality. It was noted that with a cold spring, water quality has been good in Honeoye Lake for July with no mixing events to date.

The next meeting will be Oct. 23 at 6 PM at Honeoye Public Library.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:05pm Moved by JE, second by MA; carried.

Minutes recorded by Megan Webster, Ontario County SWCD

Chairperson: _____ Date: _____