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## MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday August 18, 2021 - 6:00 PM**  
**Pavilion at Waddington Town Beach**  
**River Road, Waddington, NY**

*Action items in bold italics / Motions underlined*

1. **Call to Order:** In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair Rau called the meeting order at 6:15 pm.
2. **Roll Call, Determination of Quorum:** *A quorum was NOT present.*  
Members present: Herb Bullock; Lucas Hanss; Sue Rau, Vice-Chair; Lance Rudiger; Pat Whalen, Secretary.  
Members absent: Catherine Bennett, Chair; Dustin Bowman; Joseph Brant; Steve Manders; Richard Marshall; Tiernan Smith; Nicole Terminelli, BOL Liaison; Rod Tozzi; Brian Washburn.  
Guests: Mary Binder; Scottie Bullock; John Gibbs; Joe Lightfoot, BOL; Jon and Kathy Montan; Don O'Shea; Chris and Laura Rediehs; Arlene Stillwell.  
Staff: Dakota Casserly; Jason Pfothenauer; John Tenbusch.
3. **Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for New Business, Items for Unfinished Business**
  - a. None.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the May, July 2021 EMC Meetings**
  - a. A quorum was not present. Therefore minutes were not approved.
5. **Comments from the Public:**

St. Lawrence County Legislator Joe Lightfoot spoke about invasive species in the County. With the recent funding approval to “cut” milfoil on Black Lake, the Board of Legislators (BOL) would like to explore options, with the EMC, that will assist County residents with managing invasives.

Lightfoot talked about invasive species management in the region: A Clarkson University milfoil study on Norwood Lake, led by Professors [Michael Twiss](#) and [Diana White](#); and [Onondaga County's Soil and Water Conservation District's invasive species projects](#). Also, he talked about recent work by the [Indian River Lakes Conservancy](#) to study milfoil infestation(s) and explore potential management measures, like the [weevil](#) (which is expensive at a large scale). Lightfoot highlighted that failed septic systems and agricultural runoff are probably contributing to the spread of invasives.

The efforts needed to address invasive species in the County are no small task and will require a coordinated approach among various organizations. Presently, communication among Black Lake organizations seems to be fractured. Lightfoot asked the EMC if it would consider taking a leadership role with this effort.

Discussion:

- O'Shea asked if the County or area associations would buy a cutter/harvester.
  - Lightfoot replied that the County is not interested and the area associations (e.g., Black Lake Association (BLA)) don't have the funds.
- O'Shea asked about the DEC's involvement.
  - Lightfoot replied that he can't speak for the DEC, however he had contact with some DEC officials about invasive species.
- Tenbusch talked about the EMC subcommittees and how their objectives align well with the invasive species topic. Also, that the EMC is planning to work with the BLA on a lake management plan. Further, he recognized the BOL and their efforts to coordinate with the EMC. Tenbusch, and members of the BLA and EMC, recently met for a boating site visit on Black Lake and they are planning a stakeholder meeting in October.
- Gibbs left a note to consider [Ontario County's Aquatic Vegetation Management Program](#).
- [SLELO PRISM](#) was mentioned as possible lead agency.

**6. Report by the Representative of the Board of Legislators (Nicole Terminelli)**

- a. None.

**7. Report of the Committees**

- a. Rau said the reports were emailed to members.

**8. Report of the Staff**

- a. Rau said the report was emailed to members.

**9. Unfinished Business.** None.

**10. New Business.** None.

**11. Announcements.** None.

**12. Message to Board of Legislators**

- a. The EMC is open to working with the BOL.

**13. Adjournment**

- a. EMC alumni members were recognized.  
b. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Patrick Whalen*

Patrick Whalen, Secretary

Minutes drafted by Dakota Casserly