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MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2018

**2nd - Floor Conference Room, Public Safety Complex
49½ Court Street, Canton, New York**

Action items in bold italics / Motions underlined.

Blue boxes indicate internal links to sections of these Minutes.

1. **Call to Order:** Pat Whalen, *Secretary*, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **Roll Call, Determination of Quorum:** It was determined that **THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM**.
Members present included: Ryan Burkum; Larry Denesha, *BOL Liaison*; Alex French; Sue Rau; Dana Smith; Tiernan Smith; Andrew Soutar; Pat Whalen, *Secretary*.
Members absent included: Joseph Brant, *Chair*; Don O'Shea, *Vice-Chair*; Catherine Bennett; Jennifer Berbrich; Richard Marshall; Lance Rudiger; Bob Zimmerman.
Speaker: Allison Pilcher, Intern, SLCPO.
Guest(s): Rod Tozzi; Lee Willbanks.
Staff: J. Tenbusch.
3. **Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for New Business, and Items for Unfinished Business:**
No Quorum.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2018 EMC Meeting:** No Quorum.
5. **Report by Representative of the Board of Legislators.** Mr. Denesha reported that:
 - There will be a public meeting July 20 1:00-4:00 PM at the Clifton-Fine Central School to update stakeholders on the progress of the demolition project at the J&L site.
 - On Monday 7/16, the Board of Legislators held a special meeting to discuss five abandoned properties. The DEC intends to clean up these properties so they can be sold by the County and start generating tax revenues. The County and State will split the sale proceeds.
 - Recycling costs in St. Lawrence County have grown from \$10,000 to \$30,000 per month. All recyclables are without markets. Casella is running out of storage space to stockpile recyclables. There was general discussion around this issue; A. Soutar suggested we see the lack of a recyclables market as an opportunity.
 - A. French suggested inviting Eric Backus, professor at Clarkson to speak about recycling.

6. **Hearings, Comments from the Public.** J. Tenbusch introduced Allison Pilcher, SLCPO Intern. Ms. Pilcher presented on her work compiling information for the project “Enhancing Shoreline Resilience Along the St. Lawrence River in St. Lawrence County.”

Pilcher summarized the project:

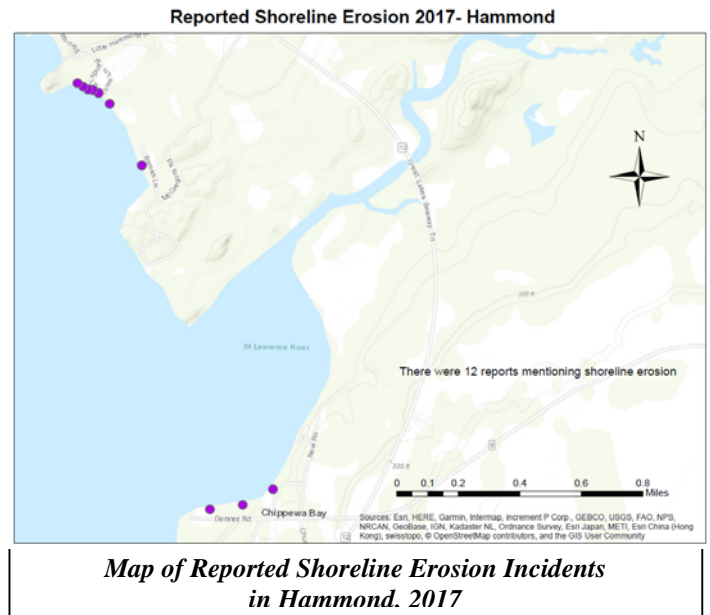
- The SLC Planning Office received a \$25,000 NYS Sea Grant to fund a shoreline resiliency study. The funds will be used to hire a qualified consultant.
- The Project Area includes 40 miles of shoreline along the St. Lawrence River in Lisbon, Ogdensburg, Oswegatchie, the Town and Village of Morristown, and Hammond.
 - Ogdensburg received its own \$25,000 Sea Grant to study shoreline resiliency.
- The grant application was in direct response to flooding during high water events in the spring of 2017. This flooding resulted in 400 flood damage reports in the Project Area, and an estimated \$9,201,000 in damage costs (data collected by SLC Emergency Services).

Pilcher discussed relevant information from her Desktop Study of the Project Area:

- The Town of Morristown, Village of Morristown, and Ogdensburg have zoning. Lisbon, Oswegatchie, and Hammond do not have zoning, and rely on site plan review.
 - The Town and Village of Morristown both include Shoreline Districts in their zoning maps.
 - Ogdensburg has a Waterfront Overlay District.
- Ogdensburg, Morristown (joint Town and Village) and Hammond have written Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRPs), developed as a part of the NYS Coastal Management Program (CMP). The CMP includes 44 policies, including 11 on flooding and erosion. See <https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/WFRevitalization/LWRP.html>
- Plan 2014 was enacted in 2016 to restore more natural variation in water level while keeping within similar minimum and maximum parameters as the previous plan for water management in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. See http://www.ijc.org/en_/plan2014/home for further information.
 - In last year’s flooding, the International Lake Ontario- St. Lawrence River Board, which established Plan 2014, managed water levels just as they would have on the previous Plan.
 - While flooding in 2017 was oftentimes attributed to the implementation of Plan 2014, flooding was actually caused by record-breaking precipitation.
- On June 20 2018, NYS DEC released its Draft Flood Risk Management Guidance. This document provides nonbinding technical guidance on flood hazard mitigation to state agencies.
 - The Guidance proposed a 0.2% annual chance of flooding as the new standard (a 500-year floodplain, compared to FEMA’s current standard of 100-year floodplain) and recommends specific construction techniques and building code amendments.
 - See <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/114000.html> for more information.
 - See also https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/nysfrm.pdf for the Guidance document itself.

Pilcher explained the flood damage from Spring of 2017:

- The most common types of damage were dock damage, seawall damage, boathouse damage, and shoreline erosion. There was relatively little damage to camps and homes.
- Oswegatchie had the most damage (127 of 400 reports).
- Ogdensburg had the highest estimated damage costs at \$5,578,000. Most of the estimated damage costs in Ogdensburg (\$5,225,000) were due to damage to a lift station and sewage treatment plant, as well as the municipal marina and several public boat launches.
- Most properties were residences (owner-occupied or vacation properties). Fourteen businesses and five municipal properties were affected.
- Maps of damage the reports were shown. Pilcher had prepared 18 separate maps for this Desk Study.



The remainder of the study will be conducted by the consultant. Three firms have submitted Statements of Interest, and a consultant will be selected by the end of July.

P. Whalen thanked Ms. Pilcher for her presentation, and called for a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:55 PM.

7. **Reports by EMC Members on Conversations with County Legislators:** None.
8. **Report of the Committees:**
 - a. **Executive Committee:** No meeting; no report.
 - b. **Conservation of Resources Committee (CRC):** Pat Whalen reported. [See attached](#). T. Smith volunteered to help administer the survey at the Bassmaster Tournament.
 - c. **Environment + Economy Committee (E+E):** John Tenbusch reported. [See attached](#).
 - d. **Invasive Species Committee (ISC):** Sue Rau reported. [See attached](#).
 - e. **Watershed Management Committee (WMC).** John Tenbusch reported. [See attached](#).
9. **Report of the Staff:** Tenbusch reported that there will be two vacancies on the EMC, since Dana Smith has reported that he will be moving out of the County at/around Labor Day.
10. **Unfinished Business:** None.

11. **New Business:** Survey of Opinions About the County’s Fishing Resources:
- Those in attendance agreed that a “Survey of Opinions About the County’s Fishing Resources” should be conducted among those people who attend the Bassmaster fishing tournament in Waddington during August 23 – 26. **See attached for a sample “Survey” form.**
 - P. Whalen reported that the DEC does a catch and release fishing survey; we could compare the results of our survey to that one.
 - It was agreed that the Bassmaster Tournament’s P.A. announcer should be asked to remind event attendees to participate in the survey.
12. **Announcements:** Tenbusch announced that on August 15th, instead of a regular EMC meeting, the 17th Annual EMC Picnic will be held at the Waddington Town Beach.
13. **Message to the Board of Legislators:** Shoreline resiliency is an important consideration for our vulnerable shoreline communities, especially as climate change leads to an increase in severe weather events. The County Planning Office has secured a NYS Sea Grant award to hire a consulting firm to conduct a Shoreline Resiliency Study along 40 miles of shoreline in St. Lawrence County (from Hammond to Lisbon). Recommendations will be developed with stakeholder input, and reported to communities in the Project Area.
14. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patrick Whalen

Minutes prepared by A. Pilcher



St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council Conservation of Resources Committee Meeting Wednesday July 11, 2018

Present: Pat Whalen, chair; Cat Bennett, Jennifer Berbrich. J. Tenbusch attended as staff.

The meeting began at 4:45 PM.

Item 1: Priority Projects.

- *Survey regarding Conservation of Sport-Fishing resource.* Tenbusch had included a revised draft survey in the meeting packet (**see attached**). C. Bennett suggested that she might be able to get volunteers to conduct the survey during the Waddington BassMasters Fishing Tournament (Aug. 23 – 26).
 - There was discussion about doing the survey on Saturday or Sunday, or both. A decision depends on the number of volunteers recruited.

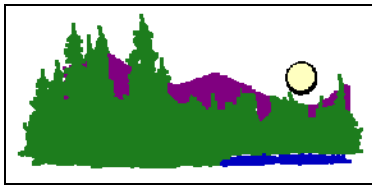
- *Project to Reduce Plastic Pollution.* At the behest of this Committee, Tenbusch had given a presentation to the EMC in June regarding the ubiquity of plastic pollution, locally and worldwide. Members of this Committee discussed what activities might be pursued in our local communities. Ideas included:
 - Letter(s) to the Editor (Watertown Daily Times) regarding issues related to plastics pollution
 - Propose to the BOL that they ban single-use plastic bags.
(**Note:** an effort is being made to do this on a statewide level. See <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/23/nyregion/plastic-bags-ban-cuomo-new-york.html>)
 - C. Bennet suggested working with school children to produce art about the topic.
 - Tenbusch recalled the “**SLC Earth Day 2K Art Show**”, held at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station, where youth groups had created sculptures out of recyclable plastics. **See attached photos.**)
 - The Committee agreed that:
 - Raising awareness is a primary goal.
 - Need to look to support efforts going on at state and national levels.
 - One idea suggested was to invite restaurants and other businesses to “Go Green” and eliminate their use of single-use plastics (cups, tableware, bags, etc.)
 - It might be possible to award a “Green Star”, or a range of stars (1 – 5 Green Stars) to those businesses.
 - Maybe the SLC Chamber of Commerce could help to promote this “Green Star” idea.
 - It may be possible to highlight stores that already do not use single-use plastics, or that use used bags, etc. (e.g., Aldi’s Nature’s Storehouse, etc.)

- *Conservation of fur-bearing species.* No report.

Item 2: Other Possible Projects.

- C. Bennett suggested that the Committee look into promoting composting at institutional levels (schools, etc.) and municipal levels. Tenbusch described how Colton-Pierrepont Central School conducts school-wide composting. Ugg"cwcej gf.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM. Next CRC meeting: Wednesday, September 12th at 4:45 PM.



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Art From Waste Plastics: Plastics Disposal Week Celebrates Earth Day

The ad hoc Plastic Disposal Committee observed "Plastics Disposal Week", April 17 – 22, by distributing several thousand pamphlets regarding issues and concerns of plastic waste disposal and on problems with open burning.

The committee sponsored an **Earth Day 2K**

Art Show at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station on April 22nd. Almost 30 people participated; six sculptures were entered into competition.



The sculpture "**Statue of Liberty – Keep America Beautiful**", made by the Outsiders 4-H Club of Lisbon, won the award for **BEST IN SHOW**. The Outsiders 4-H Club of Lisbon was awarded a prize of \$50, which was donated by the Norwood Lake Association.



Close-up of "Statue of Liberty -- Keep America Beautiful"



The sculptors included Alicia Gilliam, Charlotte McLean and Megan LaBaff, all from Madrid. The group leader is Dianna Remington.

The Outsiders 4-H Club describes its entry: "The 'Statue of Liberty - Keep America Beautiful' is made of 90% plastic materials, such as a 5-gallon milk pail, 15 1-gallon milk jugs, 5 fertilizer bags, juice containers, seedling trays, an Etch-A-Sketch, surveyors tape, plastic funnel, child's sand bucket, 8% wood pellets and dowels, 2% tin cans, covered with landscape cloth and work gloves, and a paper mache head."

The Outsiders 4-H Club intends to display their award-winning sculpture at the Gouverneur-St. Lawrence County Fair, July 17 - 23, 2000.

An *Award of Merit* was given to "**Tearon the Terrible, A Plastic-Shredding Dragon**", whose motto is:

"No Flames Near, Only Shredding Here".

The Award of Merit earned its creators a \$20 gift certificate to Josie's Pizza in Canton. The prize was sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau.

"Tearon" was constructed of a chicken-wire frame covered with milk-jug scales, highlights on its wings and mane made from laundry detergent bottles. It had milk-jug handles and lids down its spine, and cat-litter jugs for legs and feet.

This fearsome dragon was sculpted by students from the Ogdensburg Middle School, who had additional help from Hammond 4th -grade students.

From the Ogdensburg Middle School, sculptors included Kevin Shaver, Jessica Courtois, John Hannon, Jon Ferguson, Nichole Fisher, Kresten Ericksen, Saliann Babcock, Chantal Guild, Ashleigh King, Travis LaRock, Nicki Hughto, Willy Sherman, Jon King, Dan Kennedy, Stephen Jones, Sierra Herbick, T.J. Hannan, Robert Hance and Amanda Haley.

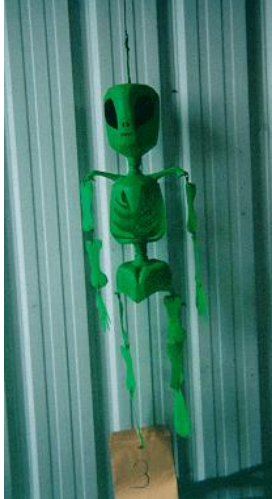
From Hammond, sculptors included Alyssa Winchester and her birthday party participants: Sarah Sheridan, Brittany Kenyon, Jessica Martin, Nick Winchester, Joe Winchester and John Winchester.

Advisors included Pam Winchester and Julie Johnson.

As Ms. Winchester noted, "Thank you for the opportunity to teach the community how art can teach valuable lessons. I think all of us learned a lot about the hazards of burning plastics and the importance of recycling through this project. We were amazed at how fast we gathered a multitude of recyclables. We were also surprised that the remaining ashes of burnt plastics could also contaminate the soil and water tables."



A quick repair job to Tearon's tail.



Not to be outdone, the Wolf Den of Cub Scout Pack 3, from the First Baptist Church in Ogdensburg, took an *Award of Merit* for " **Milk-Jug Alien**", left. Pack 3 also won a \$20 gift certificate to Josie's Pizza in Canton, courtesy of the St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau.

The creators of "**Milk-Jug Alien**" included Ethan Loudecure, Jake Satterley, Zeb Fortune, Kyle Bleau and Colby LeBoufe. Group leaders Dawn Satterley and Ruth Samson reported that the hands and feet were traces from the actual hands and feet of four of the Cub Scouts



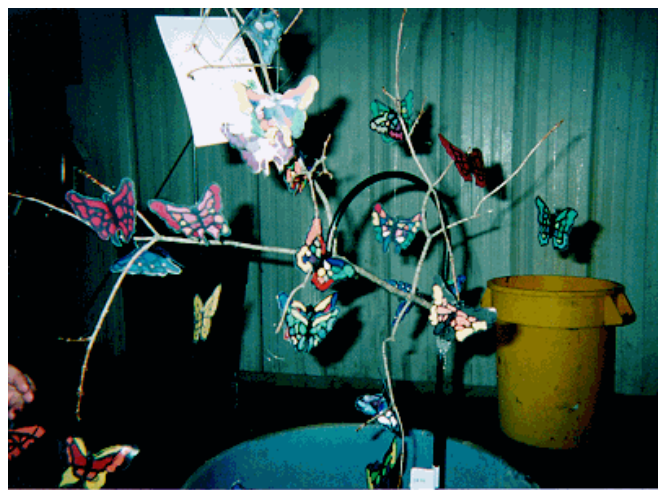
The "**Milk-Jug Totem Pole**", left, was constructed by the Pack 3's Bear Den; it received an *Honorable Mention*. Sculptors for "**Totem Pole**" included Joshua Barkley, Nathan Fitzgerald, Chad Montana, Lee Griffith, Jeremy Cline and Michael Buscemi. Group leaders included Tom Montana, Julie Byjock and Kevin Barkley.

The Tiger Den of Pack 3 created the "**Box Totem Pole**", right. This also won an *Honorable Mention*. Keith Robinson was the group leader for this effort.



Last, but certainly not least, was the sculpture fashioned by the St. Lawrence County 4-H Horticulture club. Entitled "**Butterflies**", this lovely lawn ornament won *Honorable Mention*.

This group was featured in the *Watertown Daily Times* on April 22nd, with an article and photo. According to the article, the sculpture consisted of butterflies cut out of milk jugs, old dental floss and fishing line; each butterfly is attached to a tree branch, for a natural effect.



The 4-H Horticulture Club is sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County; its group leader is Patricia Rourk.

The Board of Legislators established “Plastics Disposal Week” as a way to educate residents about problems with burning or burying plastic wastes. The BOL also emphasized the convenience of taking plastics to county-run transfer stations; due to low weight-to volume ratios, plastics are very inexpensive to dispose of at transfer stations. Several thousand pamphlets on the issues and concerns of plastics disposal, and on problems with open burning, have been distributed throughout the week.

As the motto coined for “Plastics Disposal Week” says,

**“It’s Easy,
It’s Cheap,
and It’s Being a Good Neighbor.”**

EMC Field Trip to Colton-Pierrepoint School for Composting, 10/20/2015





St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council Environment + Economy Committee Meeting Monday, July 9, 2018

Meeting started at 5:00 PM.

Present: P. Whalen. J. Tenbusch attended as staff.

Projects:

- *Survey of Businesses Involved with the Environment.* J. Tenbusch reported that:
 - The Internet survey developed by the Committee earlier this year (see <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFNNKJQ>) has been sent to:
 - o A list of 32 persons/businesses that Committee Chair R. Burkum had selected from a larger list of 174 persons/businesses;
 - o An additional 24 persons/businesses from the larger list that had included emails addresses
 - To date, five responses have been returned. (See attached.)

After some discussion, Whalen and Tenbusch agreed to recommend to the EMC that the survey form be mailed to all remaining persons/businesses on the large list (118 addresses). This is estimated to cost \$55.46 for postage.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

The next E+E Committee meeting will be held on Monday September 10th, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Report by John Tenbusch



St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council Invasive Species Committee Meeting Tuesday July 17th 2018

Meeting started at 1:00 PM.

Present: Pat Whalen; Sue Rau. John Tenbusch and Allison Pilcher attended as staff.

Item 1: Review Priority Projects.

Emerald Ash Borer.

- Nature Up North has put together a number of Emerald Ash Borer outreach events.
 - NUN has been tabling at farmers' markets, will be present at GardenShare's Family Fun Days.
 - NUN will be hosting a Tree Walk Series to train volunteers to use their Community Ash Tree Survey. Tree Walks:
 - Tuesday, July 24 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM @ Gouverneur Library
 - Tuesday, July 25 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM @ Canton @ Remington Trail
 - Tuesday, July 31 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM @ Ogdensburg
- Intern Activities- A. Pilcher has been working with Nature Up North to organize community outreach programming for EAB education, including a "What's in your wood?" invasive pest workshop focusing on movement of firewood for Invasive Species Awareness Week.
- J. Tenbusch reported that he and Allison have been speaking with community groups in the Town and Village of Hammond about EAB, including the Chippewa Yacht Club, Village of Hammond Board, and Black Lake Association. He will be attending a joint meeting in Hammond on 7/30 to discuss EAB and an unrelated shoreline resiliency project.
 - After visiting the Chippewa Yacht Club, Hugh Quarrier, a year-round resident in Chippewa Bay, contacted J. Tenbusch asking to be trained as a local resource for landowners. He believes he can find others who are interested in a training as well.
 - Hammond is ground zero for EAB infestation in St. Lawrence County
- J. Tenbusch reported on the July 12 meeting to plan a regional EAB conference.
 - Organizers are looking to host the event in September or October. No site was selected, but it will most likely be in the Watertown area. There was discussion around what the conference would look like, but not much was decided. No future planning meeting has been set.
 - Tenbusch reported that, at the morning's EAB Task Force meeting, Jim Maloney of National Grid suggested using the outline of a similar event that took place a few years ago in Onondaga County. This conference was from 10 AM to 2 PM

with short (~30 min) sessions. This conference targeted a broad audience and drew 100-120 people. Jim will get the agenda from CCE.

- Two new cases of EAB have been confirmed in Akwesasne. One is in St. Lawrence County, near the old GM east site. The second is in Franklin County, on Route 37 by the Akwesasne Mini Mart across from Tim Horton's. Additional purple traps have been set up in response.
- Jonathan Rosenthal from Ecological Research Institute in New Paltz, NY will conduct a lingering ash workshop at Akwesasne on 8/1 and in Massena on 8/2 (**press release attached**).
 - Registration for the workshop in Massena is required and will be capped at 25 participants. Those who are interested should contact P. Hetzler.

Item 2: Projects for 2018.

- Governor Cuomo has identified 12 priority lakes to receive a total of \$65 million in funding for blue-green algae management. Black Lake was not included, but there may be a way to get funding from this initiative to Black Lake in future years.
- Countywide/regional meeting on the topic of Eurasian Water Milfoil. No progress.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.

The Next ISC meeting will be held on September 11, 2018. (No committee meeting in August.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Paul Hetzler, Horticulture and Natural Resources Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County, phone (315) 379-9192 ext. 232

Monitoring and Managing Ash Training Workshop at Nicandri Nature Center

The emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive beetle which is lethal to native ash trees, has been confirmed in Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, as well as very near the southern border of Jefferson County. While the news is generally bad, a program called Monitoring and Managing Ash (MaMA) offers a ray of hope. Developed by the Poughkeepsie-based Ecological Research Institute in cooperation with the US Forest Service, MaMA offers tools to help citizens identify ash that may show some natural resistance to EAB. It is believed that these so-called "lingering ash" may hold a genetic key to finding resistant strains of ash, thus saving them from extinction.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County, in cooperation with the Nicandri Nature Center in Massena, is pleased to announce that the Ecological Research Institute will present a MaMA workshop on Thursday, August 2, from **1:00-4:00 PM at the Nicandri Nature Center**. Attendees will get hands-on field training in using MaMA's citizen-science and land-manager tools to identify lingering ash, those trees that remain healthy while others around them succumb to EAB. Propagating these potentially EAB-resistant trees is the best hope for ash conservation.

Jonathan Rosenthal, Director of the Ecological Research Institute, and senior scientist Dr. Radka Wildova, both experts in EAB ecology and management, will teach the workshop. The event is free and open to the public, but class size is limited, so pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for workshop information, call (315) 379-9192 extension 232 or send an email to Paul Hetzler at ph59@cornell.edu.



St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council Watershed Management Committee Meeting Tuesday, July 17th, 2018

Meeting started at 4:00 PM.

Present: J. Brant, Chair. J. Tenbusch attended as staff.

Item 1: Review Priority Projects.

- *Stencils for storm drains.* No report.
- *Shoreline Resiliency Planning Project.* Tenbusch reported that the Planning Office has secured the services of an intern, Allison Pilcher, for 10 weeks. Allison has been working on a desk study for this project, in advance of hiring a consultant. Tenbusch reported that he and she have begun to make presentations concerning this resiliency study to community groups in the Town of Hammond, including the Chippewa Yacht Club, Village of Hammond Board, and the Black Lake Association.
- *Regional meeting on Eurasian watermilfoil.* No report.
- *Discussion of Blue Green Algae.* Tenbusch reported that, at the meeting of the Black Lake Association, he had heard the president of that group speak about Gov. Cuomo's proposal to spend \$65 million to study blue-green algae on 12 lakes in NYS. (See <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-regional-harmful-algal-bloom-summits>)
 - There does not appear to be much of a knowledge base about how these blooms start, or how to treat them.
 - Brant and Tenbusch will follow up on Black Lake issues:
 - o Brant will speak to Bill Dashnaw, who is knowledgeable on all things Black Lake.
 - o Tenbusch will contact the BLA president, Richard Henderson. An invitation might be made to have Mr. Henderson speak to the EMC.

Item 2: Speakers for Future EMC meetings.

- Tenbusch will try again to contact Scott Schlueter about making a presentation to the EMC (U.S. Fish & Wildlife; coordinator of the Fish Enhancement, Mitigation and Research Fund FEMREF; for more information, see <https://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/FEMRF/femrfmain.htm>).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

The next meeting of the Watershed Management Committee will be held on Tuesday September 11th, 2018 at 4:00 PM.



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If Yes, where have you gone fishing most often? _____

If Yes, do you find that you fish:

_____ More often than years ago; _____ Less often than years ago; _____ About the same

5. Since you began fishing in St. Lawrence County, how would you rate the quality of the following items:

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