

Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff Meeting
Zoom Meeting Room
January 27, 2022

Present: Steve Olufsen (Monroe County Department of Planning and Development), Mike Allen (Chairman) Kerry Ivers (Town of Penfield), Mike O'Conner (Town of Penfield), Josh Artuso (Town of Webster), (Analisa Rogers, Town of Irondequoit), Alison Mayer (Mayer Marina), Mark McMillan (McMillan Marine), Andy Sansone (MC Environmental Services), Rob Call (NYSDEC),

In Attendance: Robert Bowman (Stony Point HOA), Andrew Tucker (Nature Conservancy)

A. Introductions:

Chair: Steve Olufsen for Mike Allen
Scribe: Josh Artuso

B. Water Level Update

- Current level is 245.67 feet (average: 244.69 feet) Still about a foot above average
- Outflow is higher than average (7170)
- Current supply is higher than average

Steve confirmed receipt and distribution of Bernie Gigas presentations related to water level from Allison Mayer.

C. Aquatic Weed Survey

Presentation given from Andrew Tucker, The Nature Conservancy (Presentation Attached)

Summary:

Project objectives:

- Survey & monitor high risk sites
- Data Management
- Education & outreach

Field work occurred between 8/26/21-8/28/21; 3,500 samples collected; 31 aquatic species identified, 10 are non-native; no plants were found at depths greater than 19'. The two species that were most prevalent were starry stonewort and Eurasian water milfoil. No new invasive species were found in Irondequoit Bay. Invasive species of water chestnuts found in Genesee River, not currently in Irondequoit Bay.

Next steps include:

- Future sampling
- Consideration of response options
- Sharing data to inform future surveillance

Further discussion on education and outreach ensued; creating posters of invasive aquatic species; checkpoint stewards at launches to ensure that invasive species aren't being transported from one water body to another; Citizen science (paddle stewards, training of kayakers to ID invasive species when out on the water).

Mr. Bowman indicated that the current conditions are a big safety concern, willing to partner with County, State and local municipalities, looking for a wholistic solution as soon as practicable.

Rob Call, NYSDEC indicated that any application of herbicides or manual pulling of weeds would require Freshwater Wetland permits from DEC and must minimize impacts to wetlands.

The need for a Lake Management Plan for all of Lake Ontario was discussed.

D. Sign Update

- Steve shared a revised draft sign concept.
- Irondequoitbay.org is provided on the sign; Draft website is underway. Goal is to have website finalized and live by spring.
- Sizes: 40"x30" (smaller) and 48"x36" (larger)
- MCDOT sign shop will be doing the sign. The approximate cost to produce the signs is \$2,000; Steve asked if bordering municipalities would contribute towards the cost. The Towns indicated that they would approach their respective Town Boards to inquire about funding contributions to help share in the cost of implementing the new signs.
- "No Wake" is being added to 5 mph speed limit signs. This sign can be placed at the end of pier for boats entering the channel from Lake Ontario.

E. Review of last month's meeting notes

- Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

F. Project Updates

Irondequoit

- Bay Village break wall revetment (for bay ward encroachment)
- Newport Yacht Club Break wall

Penfield

- Notice to proceed for 60-unit multifamily development behind K-2 Brewing
- Informational meeting on incentive zoning proposal for 41 Woodhaven

Webster

- REDI project and Sandbar Park improvements – the town is approaching the 100% Design milestone: archeological studies did not reveal anything of significance; expecting final sign off from SHPO; permits to be issued shortly after; project goes out to bid mid-February.
- Building permit for 19,000 SF home on former Glen Edith site was issued.

- On site visit with DEC enforcement and property owner of 1008 Glen Edith Drive occurred; owner to provide plan to stabilize slope from unauthorized work that was done. Stop work order for land disturbance activity remains.
- Town staff met with Stony Point HOA official to discuss issues with docking, marina, trails, and sea weeds.
- Extension of permit for Willow Point was extended for another 5 years
- DEC Permit was issued for single family home at 181 Lake Road.
- Application received for 46 Lake Road to demo and rebuild single family residence within the Coastal Erosion Hazard Area.

G. Harbor Management Update

- DEC is currently reviewing the DRAFT document.
- A copy of the draft was provided to Amy DeGaetano (NYS DOS), as requested
- Once comments are received back from DOS, revised version will be shared with group.

H. Other Business

Next meeting will be held on February 24th via Zoom.