

**Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee  
Technical Staff Meeting  
Penfield Town Hall  
October 22, 2020**

**Present:** Mike Allen, Chairman, Steve Olufsen of the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Andy Sansone, Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, Matt Mackenzie, MCSO – Marine Unit, Noel Schlageter, EMC Robert Call, NYSDEC, Jared Rock USCG Rochester, Roy Wildrig, Sea Grant, Kerry Ivers, Town of Irondequoit, and Jim Costello and Mike O’Connor, Town of Penfield, Allison Mayer, Mayer Marina, Mark MacMillan, MacMillan Marina, Jane Shafer, Newport Yacht Club.

**A. Introductions:**

Chair: Mike Allen

Scribe: Jim Costello

**B. Water Level Update:**

- Steve Olufsen reported that as of October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Lake Ontario water level is 245.03 which is below last months’ level of 245.34, but still above average by one or two inches.
- Jane Shafer noted that the water at the Newport Yacht Club is low and she scraped her boat going through the Outlet. Both Allison Mayer and Mark MacMillan noted that the water is low in their areas as well. Jared Rock stated that the level is good at the Genesee River. Allison stated that she is accommodating boat removal, but the river is a good alternative at this point.

**C. Dredging Update:**

- Steve Olufsen stated that he recently attended a meeting to address dredging on Braddock’s Bay. He noted that there will be a plan set up for each harbor along the lake, and based on what he heard, he believes the Irondequoit Bay Outlet will be dredged in 2021. Rob Call verified that the markings that were placed in the Bay and discussed at the IBTS meeting in September were put in place for sampling purposes as part of the permit application process.

**D. Sea Grant Virtual Site Form – Roy Wildrig:**

- Roy Wildrig gave a presentation regarding Sea Grant’s Virtual Site Form which was designed to assist property owners to assess erosion control needs and assist in educating permitting and contractor requirements. He stated that he has had a good response on Lake Ontario, the Finger Lakes and Long Island. Jane Shafer asked if wave attenuation could be addressed on the form and Roy stated that he thought it could be. The link to the site is:  
<https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/articles/t/great-lakes-coastal-processes-and-erosion-virtual-site-visit-request-form>

**E. Review of last month’s meeting notes and agenda:**

- Last month’s meeting notes prepared by Steve Olufsen were accepted as written.

## **F. Project Updates and Reviews:**

- **Irondequoit –**
  - Dealing with dock and break wall repairs and addressed the email she will be sending applicants stating that the Town is now requiring stamped drawings and engineer's certification for break wall repairs.
  - Work on REDI projects continues. Work at the State Marine Park will take place during the winter months.
  - Mark MacMillan has applied for a NYSDEC Article 24 permit for repair work.
  - Rob Call noted that there is a pre-application process in place at 1372 Bayshore Blvd. for a dredging request at that location in Irondequoit Bay.
  
- **Penfield –**
  - Jim Costello stated that the 98 unit apartment building at 1384 Empire Blvd. to be known as the Bellagio is well underway and is now fully enclosed.
  - He noted that the Town Board granted site plan approval to construct a 60 unit apartment building on Wilbur Tract Road, on the south side of Empire Blvd. adjacent to the K2 Brewery and that construction will begin in the spring of 2021.
  - Mike O'Connor noted that he is waiting for contractor pricing for the Town's REDI project involving flood protection of the two sanitary lift stations on Empire Blvd. Work will commence on those projects once a contractor is selected.
  - Mike also noted that the Town installed sidewalks along the north side of Empire Blvd. to tie in existing sidewalks to create a safe pedestrian path along Empire Blvd. There are only two remaining properties on Empire Blvd. without sidewalks. The first, at 1200, where the owner would not grant an easement, and the second is the area where the NYSDOT pull off is located.
  
- **Webster –**
  - Bob Call stated that the owner at 211 Inspiration Point proposes to armor the shoreline and install fill material. The DEC is in discussion with the owner and Rob will be sending a biologist to the site to ensure that no fill encroaches into the wetland.

## **G. Other:**

### **Harbor Management Plan Update:**

- Mike Allen reported that work is near completion on the Draft Harbor Management Plan Update. The committee will meet again on 10/30 to continue its work.

**H. Next meeting - Thursday, November 19th in Penfield, NY at the Town Hall Auditorium and on ZOOM.**

### **Parking Lot:**

- None

**Meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.**