

IBTS Meeting Notes July 27, 2023

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Committee Attendance: Mike Allen (Chairperson), Steve Olufsen (Monroe County), Kerry Ivers (Penfield), Rob Call (DEC), Sgt. Mackenzie (MCSO); Andy Sansone (MC DES), Shannon Keenan, Erin Magee (Irondequoit), Donna Martello (Irondequoit); Josh Artuso (Webster), Jacob Kearney (Soil and Water), Star O'Neil (MCHD), Jim Magee (Irondequoit Bay Fish & Game), Bob Bowman (Stony Point Marina), Allison Mayer (Mayer's Marina),

Guests: Terry Tydings (Penfield resident/planning board member); Robert Bowman (Stoney Point); Doug Dickman (Fish and Game Club); Alison Mayer (Mayer Marine), Mark McMillan (McMillan's Marine)

Water Level Update

IJC reported levels

Current Lake Ontario Level: 246.49 (Average:246.13)

Current Outflow: 8,350 cubic meters per second (Average: 7,580)

Current Supply: 8,030 cubic meters/sec (Average: 6,890)

Cat tail Island cut loose and headed west (picnic table size)

Any Sansone (MCDES) Report on recent heavy rain events:

- Numerous heavy, high intensity rain events in last month (July). Map of rain gauge network screenshot shown.
- This year has been different from most years. June 26th event Culver/Goodman rain gauge showed 1.41" in a day-most of which was within an hour. 1.2 ", .95 in 15 minutes which is significant (25-year storm).
- Storms are not community wide, strong in spots, very localized but have community wide impact.
- Summary table:
Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)-Densmore Creek overflowed 3 times in the month of July 2023; recent CSO was once in 2009, once in 2015. Very unusual to have it occur 3 times in a month (unprecedented) 15-20 minutes of discharge. Could lead to debris in the water (needles, condoms, etc.).
Discussion on ways to prevent debris: screens aren't practical due to catching logs, larger debris; placing bowels but would need to do it as needed when large events occur which is difficult to predict.
- NYS DEC / Wastewater right to know website is notified of the overflow.
- Monitoring program, bacteria and nutrient samples should be captured in Irondequoit/City's LWRP Policies to position itself for future resiliency funding.
- DEC: Ontario County was hit hard. Lots of emergency repair permits being requested. Monroe County was spared from the worst of the significant events.
- Does the sewage affect swimming? Yes-right after a significant event, in general I-BAY is good swimmable water quality bacteria counts generally low. No blue-green algae. Not good to swim after rain events.
- Windy.com (RADAR)

Sgt. Mackenzie:

- Irondequoit Bay Blow-off Day-Held's Cove tomorrow Friday July 28. Chatter going to occur, expected 100-200 boats attending.
- Drone Jurisdiction (IPD, WPD, NYS)
- Command Post-Newport Mariana; DEC; State Police, NYS Park Police; Customs/Border Patrol; Coast Guard; Sheriff's Office.
- Patrols will be 12 pm – 8 pm range, extended if needed.
- Ambulance and extraction points-concern of not organized like Sodus Blow-Off Day.
- IBS Maine Park-not getting as much attention since NYS took over for IPD.
- 2 boating accidents at outlet.
 - Boat into jetty. Boater left Pelican's Nest and hit pier. Driver thought he hit Summerville Pier, but it was actually the Irondequoit Bay outlet.
 - Mooring line into props-lost power, boat crashed in Jetty. Spill caused by outdrive came off. Called 911 if we see that. 3 boats sank, 2 in outlet and 1 in Lake Ontario.
- Tow boat remove boats; abandon boat south of Newport Marina has been removed. (Being held in the Fleet Garage)
- Abandon boat left at Durand Golf Course on the fairway.
- Only place to dispose of boat is ALCO and pay by the pound.

Project Updates and reviews:

Town of Irondequoit

- Neighbor concern re: dock failure at 1244 Bayshore Blvd, also upset that 5 properties still haven't tied into sanitary sewer; wants neighbor to install break wall as well.
- New Waterline service-DEC Requested add info/haven't received.
- RT Master's project is progressing.
- DEC: Gruber 162 Scheckel permit issued for deck expansion.
- 1198 Bayshore dock replacement permit issued.
- Road Extension-Town of Irondequoit.
- Application in public comment period-Durang Eastman Golf Course, Permeable pavement/paths.

Town of Penfield:

- CFA-LaSalle's Landing comfort station (bathroom facility)
- 1200 Empire Blvd. Nothing new.
- 1401 Empire-Pets at Peace approved - new build.
- SPU permit/revised site plan for former AGWAY. Tabled, working out details with NYS Dot K-2 Brewing expansion.
- REDI project pump station project still in review.
- DEC-anonymous call, 1211 Empire Blvd-Eagle impacts to nest. Determined not to be a violation or requiring a permit.

Town of Webster:

- 243 Pebble Beach Trail NYS DEC issued permit for detached garage improvements. DEC permit issued. Town review has been initiated. Received variances, proceeding on to Planning Board approval.
- Glen Edith house construction: extended building permits in June. Town was recently notified that the home construction that was expected to begin in early July has been put

- on hold until further notice.
- 1048 Sunset Trail- home under construction has been at a standstill; no recent activity.
- Fish Island: Owner looking to pursue getting utilities to the island. No contact from owner in the last month to report.
- 181 & 185 Lake Road: Town issued permits to construct 2 single-family homes, one has started construction. The other has received foundation only permit, no activity to date.
- REDI Sandbar Park Projects:
 - Sandbar Park improvements: construction continues, working on retaining and flood walls. Installation of pathways and sidewalks. Final paving of Lake Road set to occur in late September. Park remains closed during construction.
 - Improvement of Town's sanitary pump station: Pump station is back up and operating, removing temporary pass lines. Most work has been completed. Still waiting on a back- up generator (expected any day).
- 1008 Glen Edith Drive – No new information for remedies for the unpermitted work on the bluffs. DEC did recently approve restoration plan. Needs to follow up with Town for local approvals. Steve Miller is contact for consent order/restoration agreement. Not requiring bluff replacement, requiring plantings/stabilization efforts on the bluff to prevent future problems.
- Received a complaint regarding work being performed to the private drive (Sunset Trail). Reported activity was rough grading, drainage improvements; Town staff are trying to figure out who is performing the work. Owner of 1008 Drive was contacted, and he indicated that he did provide equipment for everyone's use.
- 1044 Sunset Trail – new application for 8x10 addition to the existing dock. Platform attached to existing dock. No town permit has been submitted. Town will reach out with Webster approval(s) required.
- Stoney Point dock replacement is underway (reported by Bob Bowman). All contractors have been engaged and are targeting all electrical in place by the end of the month which should wrap up the project. Goal is to submit close out documents by November.

Harbor Management Plan:

- Draft version-DOS comments by the end of July-incorporate, met last week.
- Intro draft plan-DEC additional comments by the end of August.

Other Comments:

- Jim-fish & game club is interested in Seabin-Andy to let Matt know there's interest, next meeting.
- Bob Bowman: Sea planes landing-boater concern of safety landing in NE corner on bay. Used for kayaking /skiing. What is the procedure? They've called Coast Guard-Coast Guard said called the Town.
- Appropriate procedure is to call 911-dispatch Coast Guard or Marine Unit when it's happening (if landing dangerously or during takeoff near boats). Get Aircraft Registration # and reach out to FAA if observing dangerous flying.
- Call the Town of Webb (In Adirondacks)

Next meeting-boat tour August 24th.

Steve to send notifications, see level of interest, reserve boats.