

Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee Minutes
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Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Present:

Matt Albright, Biological Field Station
Holly Waterfield, Biological Field Station
Jill Eichler, BOCES
Bruce Shultis, Goodyear Lake Association (via conference call)
Vince Stayler, Goodyear Lake Association
Darla Youngs, Otsego County Conservation Association
Erik Scrivener, Otsego County Planning Department
Carl Good, Otsego Lake Association
Erik Miller, Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board (via conference call)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Facilitator Darla Youngs

- I. REVIEW OF MINUTES:
 - Minutes were reviewed from the November 2012, and January 2013 meetings.
 - A motion was made to approve the minutes by Carl Good, seconded by Holly Waterfield; all approved (7 ayes).
- II. TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - Scott Fickbohm was not present at the meeting; therefore no treasurer's report was available.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:
 - This meeting was supposed to be a topic meeting; however a presentation by Les Hasbargen will occur at a later date.
 - Matt Albright and Holly Waterfield will present on Walleye stocking in Otsego Lake.
 - A request for proposals (RFP) regarding projects associated with water was brought to discussion by Darla Youngs.
 - The DEC grant from Scott Fickbohm of \$4800 is available in WQCC. This will be used to fund water-related project.
 - Darla will email a draft RFP for commenting
 - Criteria is from Bylaws No. 1 and No. 2
 - A decision needs to be made for who the grants will be available to, and what date proposals will be accepted until.
 - An approval of the RFP language will take place at the March meeting.
 - Carl Good stated he would only like non-profits; Holly Waterfield asked about schools?
 - i. Jill Eichler said that schools are not 501C-3.
 - Erik Miller suggested non-profit, 501C-4, Chamber of Commerce. Allied Biological--would be excluded if not allowed.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Vince Stayler is meeting with OCCA, SWCD, and Caitlyn Stroosnyder on funding for mailing of Goodyear Lake study.
 - Erik Miller stated that 2 Regional Development Analyst positions are available at STERPDB. Based in Binghamton, but they are regional. Available online at STERPDB website.
- V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
 1. Biological Field Station:
 - Aquatic Ecologist position is sought for BFS
 - Pool of candidates is down to 4
 - Fall semester—2013 is the anticipated start date.

- Tony Capraro gave a tour to SUNY Cobleskill students on watershed management.
 - Trip took students to tertiary treatment in Cooperstown—BFS is considering an educational kiosk.
 - This is a potential WQCC project idea.
 - Project wide map included—SRBC is a possibility.
2. Goodyear Lake Association
- Caitlyn Stroosnyder is ready to mail out documents—a 6 page survey
 - GLA wants to make it more specific
 - \$2100 available for this, still \$1000 missing from a matching grant.
3. Otsego County Conservation Association:
- Darla reported that she worked on the RFP
 - OCCA is currently interviewing candidates for the Environmental Planner position—6 candidates.
 - Initial interviews now, with a decision coming in a few weeks.
 - Over \$80,000 was raised for 83 water tests in the County.
 - Grant proposal through the Catskills Headwaters Research Institute on costs to analyze data and write report.
 - Earth Festival is April 13—OCCA is sponsoring.
 - OCCA Lake Appreciation day is July 13—a day to appreciate the Lake with a free picnic.
 - OCCA is sponsoring interns at SWCD for surface water sampling, and summer interns at BFS.
 - Vince wanted to reach out to Sidney High School because of their water testing laboratory.
4. Otsego County Planning Department:
- An update on the Cleaner, Greener Communities and Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP) were given.
 - Draft HMAP is available on the Otsego County Planning Dept. website.
5. Otsego Lake Association:
- Nothing new to report until March meeting
6. Otsego Land Trust:
- Not present, but Darla heard from Marcy Foster who will be their representative at WQCC beginning next month.
7. BOCES
- Jill Eichler stated there are 15 students in the Initial Operator Class D program

NOT PRESENT: Cooperstown Village Water Committee; Cornell Cooperative Extension; NRCS; NYCAMH; NYS DEC; NYS DOH; SWCD; Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee; Otsego Land Trust; Otsego 2000; Village of Richfield Spring Waste Water Treatment Plant

VI. OTHER:

- Matt discussed the topic meeting in March further—it will focus on the efficiency of fish stocking.

Meeting officially adjourned at 1:35 PM