

Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee
Technical Staff Meeting
Zoom Meeting
July 23, 2020

Present: Mike Allen, Chairman, Rob Call, NYSDEC, Jim Costello, Town of Penfield, Mike O'Conner, Town of Penfield, Kerry Ivers, Town of Irondequoit, Ahmed Mustafa, NEQALS/Boater, Steve Olufsen, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Ed Kaspar, West Webster Fire Department, Coast Guard, Noel Schlagater, EMC, Jane Shafer, Newport Yacht Club.

A. Introductions:

Chair: Mike Allen

Scribe: Steve Olufsen

B. Water Level Update

- The Lake Ontario water level is currently 246.67 and has leveled off and slightly dropping. It has hit its peak for the season back in June.

C. I-Bay Signs for Emergency Responders Feasibility

- Mike Allen introduced Chief Ed Kaspar from the West Webster Fire Department. West Webster FD has a boat docked at the StoneyPoint Marina to respond to calls in Irondequoit Bay. Chief Kaspar stated they received 25 calls on the bay so far in 2020 and 34 calls last year in 2019. Chief Kaspar explained how they are able to get the GPS coordinates from the E911 dispatcher if they are able to get them. The dispatcher must press a button to obtain the latitude and longitude coordinates. If they get the coordinates they get passed onto emergency responders.
- Chief Ed Kaspar will reach out to the Monroe County Fire Bureau to ask about building a fire box grid system for the bay possibly using GPS coordinates.
- Steve Olufsen contacted Bill Wood from Monroe County who stated that to the best of his knowledge, there are no fire boxes anywhere near or around I-Bay. There is also no fire box system, basically the fire departments' grid system for splitting up their response area. Since the bay has no streets, they cannot assign addresses to the bay, therefore cannot build a box/grid system.
- Ahmed Mustafa mentioned an incident on I-bay that he responded to involving a JetSkier who sucked weeds into the jet and was broken down in the bay. Ahmed explained that the Jet skier said he could see the bay bridge but was actually by Empire Blvd. Ahmed stated that nobody knew his location until he called the jetskier and found out he could see Empire Blvd.
- Steve Olufsen stated that Chief Jarod Rock had sent him the response information on the emergency call that was discussed at the June meeting. The incident was on June 6th, 2020.
- USCG log from the incident on June 6th, 2020
1905 Station received a message on NYSPIN of a possible person in the water in Irondequoit Bay.
1912 CG29404 U/W to respond to PIW in I-Bay.
1919 CG29404 on scene with Webster Fire Dept. at public boat launch.
1921 Station received report that a first raft had been recovered by Webster Fire
1924 Station received report that a second raft had been recovered by Webster Fire
1942 CG29404 remained on scene near boat ramp.
1950 CG29404 received confirmation the persons in the water were safely ashore.
CG29404 returned to base.

- Chief Rock stated in the email this was a 7 minute launch time and a 7 minute transit time which is extremely fast. The two people in the water were in the northwest part of the bay with high grass/reeds. It looked like all departments were pretty close together. A good Samaritan had come upon the kids at some point early on and assisted them ashore near the fire department on shore.
- There was a discussion regarding the boat and sailboat traffic on the bay near where the sailboat races are conducted. It was suggested that information on boating etiquette be included in any handouts produced for the marinas.
- Jane Shafer asked about if wave attenuation devices could be used at the Newport Marina. Rob Call said that some marinas at Sodus Bay have wave abatement devices. He also stated that a permit would be needed from the Office of General Services.
- Ahmed Mustafa mentioned the water levels are getting very low at SouthPoint Marina.

D. Review of last month's meeting notes and agenda

- Mike Allen asked if anyone had changes to the May or June meeting notes. No changes were made.

E. Project Updates and Reviews:

- **NYS DEC**

- Rob Call noted there is a permit pending for 13 Lake Road in Webster.
- DEC is looking into Coastal Erosion Disturbances on the bay.
- DEC is reviewing REDI Projects on the bay.
- Permit requests for the State Boat Launch, Culver Road sewers, Seneca Road fill project, and Webster Park improvements are being reviewed.

- **Penfield**

- Jim Costello provided an update on the 95 unit apartment building at 1384 Empire Blvd. to be known as the Bellagio. Construction is under way and it has caused some logistical problems for members of the marina regarding parking, traffic movement, pedestrian circulation, drain on electricity and the bathroom. Jim will meet with the Building Inspectors to address these concerns.
- Jim also provided an update on Dr. Jack Howitt's site plan to construct a 60 unit apartment building on Wilbur Tract Road, on the south side of Empire Blvd. adjacent to the K2 Brewery. A public hearing has been scheduled for site plan approval, a special permit and an environmental protection permit for August 5th.
- Mike Oconner provided an update on the new sidewalk project on Empire Blvd from Lasalles Landing to the Bellagio.
- Mike also provided an update on two REDI projects for sanitary pump stations.

- **Irondequoit**

- Kerry Ivers reported they have a project at McMillan Marine.
- The Town of Irondequoit is working on a LWRP update. The consultant they are working with is Ingalls Planning and Design.
- They are looking to include sections relating to the Harbor Management Plan as well.
- 3034 and 3056 Bay Front South properties are for sale.

- **Webster**
 - No updates

F. Other:

a. Harbor Management Plan Update:

- The towns and county continue to meet to update the HMP. Next meeting is tomorrow July 24th. Work on the Plan includes updating the mapping, obtaining data regarding invasive species in and around the bay and finalizing the wording in some sections of the Plan.

G. Next meeting – Boat Tour on Thursday, August 27th in Irondequoit, NY

Parking Lot:

- **Dredging Plan**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.