

Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff - Meeting Notes May 25, 2023

Present: Steve Olufsen (Monroe County Department of Planning and Development), Andy Sansone, MCDES, Mike Allen (Chairman IBTS), Kerry Ivers (Town of Penfield), Mike O'Conner (Penfield), Josh Artuso (Town of Webster), Donna Martello (Town of Irondequoit), Robert Call (NYSDEC), Sgt. Matt Mackenzie (MCSO-Marine Unit), Jacob Kearney (MC Soil & Water Conservation Bd), Starr O'Neil, MC Public Health, Andy Sansone, MC DES, Clement Chung, Doug Dickman, Matthew Hoffman, RIT & Christy Tyler, RIT Professor

A. Introductions:

Chair: Mike Allen

Scribe: Donna Martello

B. Water Level Update

- Current level is 247.28 feet (Historical Average: 246.19feet)
- Outflow 8,480 cubic meters per second (Historic Average 7,674 cubic meters per second)

C. Review last month's meeting notes

- Under Town of Irondequoit : *667/673 Seneca Rd- NYSDEC extended permit for demo and rebuild.*

The demolition of the older structures on site have been completed, so no extension for demo is required. (remove the word demo).

- Under Town of Webster: *1008 Glen Edith Drive – NYSDEC is in discussion with engineer regarding remedies for the permitted work on the bluffs and reviewing an application for dock.*

The work on the bluffs was done without a permit, change the word permitted to unpermitted.

D. Seabins Presentation – Matthew Hoffman & Christy Tyler: Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.)

- Presentation by Matthew Hoffman & Christy Tyler, professors at R.I.T. of an overview of the R.I.T. project addressing plastic pollution in area waterways & lakes.
- Seabins are buckets placed in waterways; Genesee River, Braddock Bay, Irondequoit Bay & Irondequoit Creek to collect trash
- Lirratras are placed in stormwater catch basins to trap the trash.
- Data collected from the trash and debris trapped will help to determine the sources and amount of trash pollution
- R.I.T. is in big partnership with the community for the Seabin project including: Monroe County, NY Sea Grant, City of Rochester, private groups as well as Canada.
- Volunteers empty the seabins every 1 to 2 days and collect data of the material trapped.
- Looking for a few more places to set up seabins in Irondequoit Bay as well as volunteers to help empty the bins and collect data. Suggestions for additional places were: Irondequoit Fish & Game Club, Newport Yacht Club, Sutter's Marina & the NYS boat launch at the north end of Irondequoit Bay

E. Project Updates

Irondequoit

- New water service for 3088 Bay Front S. NYSDEC application under review and Robert Call updated that the application is still incomplete.
- R.T. Masters 975 Empire Blvd. Demo of existing 6,000 sq. ft. building and rebuild same size building. NYSDEC permit issued, Town Building Permits issued, receiving inspection reports from third party engineer on the progression of the project.
- 667 & 673 Seneca Road received extension from NYSDEC for two new single-family dwellings. The proposed dwelling at 667 Seneca Road is almost completed and the proposed dwelling at 673 Seneca Road has not submitted a site specific plan nor building permit to the town.
- 162 Schnackel Drive – Proposed expansion to deck, NYS Dec ready to issue permit

Penfield

- Pump Station project submitted for review, build in fall 2023
- Penfield seeking grant money to construct a bathroom facility in LaSalle's Landing area.

Webster

- 243 Pebble Beach Trail NYS DEC issued permit for detached garage improvements. No building permit received at this time.
- Glen Edith house construction: extended building permits, plan to start this summer.
- 1048 Sunset Trail- home under construction. Due to recent heavy rains there has been erosion on site and additional measures are necessary while the slopes are exposed.
- Fish Island: Owner looking to pursue getting utilities to the island. The owner is speaking with other island owners to understand how their utilities are set up and information regarding underground electrical connection.
- 181 & 185 Lake Road: Town issued permits to construct 2 single-family homes, one has started construction.
- REDI projects:
Sandbar Park improvements: construction continues, working on retaining and flood walls. Project should be completed by the end of the year.
Improvement of Town's sanitary pump station: Pump station is back up and operating, removing temporary pass lines.
- 1008 Glen Edith Drive – No new information for remedies for the unpermitted work on the bluffs.

F. Other:

Harbor Management Update

- MC Health Department will be sending septic system projects on the bay for the HMP update. Internal group has been meeting to finalize comments for the HMP update.

Abandon Boats in Bay

- The abandon boats on west shore of the bay to Southpoint will be removed as soon as next week.

G. Next meeting will be held on June 22nd via Zoom and at Town of Penfield.