

**TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL**

Jan. 23, 2023 Zoom meeting

Final Minutes

**Attendance**

Member		Seat	Member		Seat
Annie Bastoni	P	At-Large	Stephanie Redmond	P	At-Large
Shawn Bossard	P	Agriculture	Steve Riddle	A	Water Purveyor
Cynthia Brock	P	Municipal	Linda Wagenet	P	At-Large
Liz Cameron	P	Co. Environmental Health	Chris Bordlemay Padilla	A	Associate
Amanda Champion	P	County Government	Roxy Johnston	P	Associate
Jenna DeRario	E	Cooperative Extension	Lynn Leopold	P	Associate
Kristen Hychka	P	Municipal Government	Rebecca Minas	P	Associate
Darby Kiley	P	County Planning & Sustain.	Elaine Quaroni	P	Associate
Patrick King	P	Business & Industry	Grascen Shidemantle	P	Associate
Liz Kreitinger	E	Watershed Organization	Tom Vawter	P	Associate
Jon Negley	P	Soil & Water Cons. District			
Holly Payne	P	At-Large			
Frank Proto	E	At-Large			
Brian Rahm	P	Environment			

**Guests:** Keith Batman, Doug Barnes, Michelle Henry, Molly Newman, Erin Norris, David Wolfe

**Call to Order/Agenda Review** – Chair Cynthia Brock called meeting to order at 4:16pm. No changes to agenda.

**Privilege of the Floor** – No one spoke.

**Action: Election of 2023 Officers and Recommendation for Voting Membership** – Linda Wagenet, Membership & Nominating Committee

Linda Wagenet presented the slate of officers for 2023, with Cynthia Brock, Frank Proto, and Liz Cameron agreeing to serve again as chair, first vice chair, and second vice chair, respectively. Additional nominations were solicited from the floor, but none were forthcoming.

**Action:** Jon Negley made a motion, which was seconded by Stephanie Redmond, to elect Cynthia Brock as chair, Frank Proto as first vice chair, and Liz Cameron as second vice chair of the Tompkins County Water Resources Council. Motion carried.

Linda Wagenet presented an application from David Wolfe for the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council seat for the members’ consideration.

**Action:** A motion by Darby Kiley, which was seconded by Linda Wagenet, was made to recommend David Wolfe for the Environmental Management Council seat on the Water Resources Council. Motion carried.

**Action: Approval of Draft Minutes** – December 2022 meeting minutes approved (moved by Linda Wagenet, seconded by Jon Negley) as submitted.

Owasco Watershed Rules and Regulations: Guest Keith Batman, former Cayuga County Board of Health member, shared his thoughts on the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules & Regulations process. We are waiting to see if the state makes progress in continuing the discussion with the stakeholders.

### **Organizing for 2023**

#### **2022 committee accomplishments and ideas for 2023**

Led by Darby, the group reviewed committee accomplishments in 2022 and discussed workplan organization for 2023. This included reviewing and assessing selected action items from the Water Quality Strategy and determining which committees to continue or create in service of these goals. Darby shared background context on WRC committees vis-à-vis the bylaws. Highlights from committee work in 2022 included municipal training workshop for highway and other municipal staff, various letters of support and public comments drafted by executive committee and others and submitted on behalf of full WRC, coordination with three big water purveyors on watershed rules and regulations and drinking water source protection programs, and more. Members discussed whether to continue Grants/Finance and Education/Outreach Committees. Possible roles for the latter include developing educational materials on connection between harmful algal blooms and phosphorous loading in lake, PFAs monitoring, soil health, and municipal outreach on funding for watershed projects. Other topics discussed Water Withdrawals Committee' groundwater monitoring proposal, timber harvesting, improved support for area farmers who implement best management practices, conservation loan bank, outreach campaigns conducted by Cayuga Lake Watershed Network and other partners, stormwater management, and more. Darby will email committee sign-up sheet, compile list of potential topics for Education & Outreach Committee and send a scheduling poll for prospective members to meet to discuss next steps.

### **Chair and Staff Reports**

No chair's report. Planning & Sustainability staff are finalizing 2023 department work program. WRC committee chairs should submit their 2022 annual reports.

### **Member Announcements** – none

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.