

**Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff
Meeting Notes
April 25, 2024**

Committee Attendance: Steve Olufsen (Monroe County P&D), Kerry Ivers (Penfield), Mike O'Connor (Penfield), Michelle Nichols (Irondequoit) Matt McKenzie (MCSO), Josh Artuso (Webster), Ben Levine (Webster), Bill Lang (Irondequoit), , Lucy Creighton (Monroe County P&D)

Guests: Jim Magee (Irondequoit Bay Fish & Game Club), Allison Mayer (Mayer's Marine), Mark McMillan (McMillan Marine), Brandon from (South Bay)

Water Level Update

IJC reported levels

Ontario Lake Current: 245.77' (Average: 245.73')

Outflow: 7770/cubic meters per second (Average: 7220)

Supply: 11630 cubic meters/sec (Average: 8580)

Local Observations: Lower water levels being observed. But it looks like it's coming up every day.

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- No changes, approved as provided.

Newport Development Discussion

- Renewal EPOD permits needed (April 29th)
- Previously approved site plan is not being changed, therefore no site plan review is required.
- Dock repairs are underway (boardwalk area and removal of damaged docks)
- Vandalism has occurred (broken windows and damage to the structure), damage to one of the docks.
- Marina will be converted to residents' use; no public dock rentals this year
- Access to the development is now gated to prevent further trespassing/vandalism; MCSO has a key to the gate; permanent emergency service access is underway (knox box)

Project updates and reviews:

Irondequoit

- 1198 Bayshore Blvd – performed site work without required EPOD permits. Disturbed the slope and there was erosion
- 1214 Bayshore Road

Penfield

- REDI project design – In the process of working on
- LaSalle's Landing Park – NYSDOS Contract will be executed as soon as possible

- Bayview Apartment project underway
- 1200 Empire Blvd – was up for auction; current status is “under contract”
- 1401 Empire Blvd – awaiting Letter of Credit before construction can commence
- 1225 Empire Blvd – K2 parking expansion was approved; final plans and letter of credit needed by the Town.
- 1221 Empire Blvd – K2 building and site modifications on hold.

Webster

- 1076 Glen Edith – site work commencing for future home construction
- Property bordering Avalon Trail is causing an issue. Previous tree removal was confirmed by Town and DEC as being outside of the EPOD boundary; A resident in Willow Point sent communication to Town of Penfield residents related to concerns (unfounded) that development will now be advanced at this property. There are no approved site or development plans.
- Sandbar Park - Bayfront restaurant site permit has been issued by DEC. Town is working with proposed restaurateur and design/construction of the building. That information will hopefully
- Phase 2 sandbar
- 1008 Glen Edith Drive (sunset trail)– Owner wants to do improvements to sunset drive (private drive) that transects a conservation easement and is in steep slope EPOD. The road is in rough shape, but needs repair and services 15 homes. Webster is working with him on Town approvals and confirmed no DEC permits are needed. Town issued permit for break wall replacement / repair (rock revetment).
- 1044 Sunset Trail – Dock approval (30’ extension), approved by Town and DEC
- 181 and 185 Lake Road – extension of building permit.

Channel Depth

- Lt. MacKenzie – observed that current conditions are not a problem for their boats. US Coast Guard also didn’t observe any issues (6’ depth).
- Per information provided in the 2021 dredging plan, USACOE standard is 8’ below water level
- Jim Magee asked about who to contact at the Federal level regarding dredging the outlet channel. The IBTS group will provide a list of contacts.

Federal Contacts List

- **United States Army Corps. of Engineers (USACE)**
Mr. Joseph M. Savage
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Great Lakes and Ohio River Division
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Contact Form Available Online
<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/>

- **US Senator Charles Schumer**
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255 East Ave., Suite 150
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<https://morelleforms.house.gov/forms/meetingrequest/>

Channel Signs

- Discussed the possibility of adding signage somewhere to improve speeds through the channel; There isn't really any other spots for signage

Harbor Management Plan Update

The latest revised HMP Draft continues to be under agency review by NYSDOS. NYSDOS has not yet commented, but they are in receipt of the most updated version which included all of the DEC's comments.