

Town of Brookhaven

Meeting to Discuss the Carmans Lakes Study

May 26, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Present: Liz Krolik-Alexander (CD4), Tara Bono (CCE), Sharon Wiesmann (Yaphank Civic), Chad Trusnovic (Yaphank Civic), Kevin Molloy (NYS Assemblyman Dean Murray), Jeff Kassner (TOB DEP), Eva Greguski (TOB PELM), Kate Browning (SC Legislator), Robert Kessler (CSYL), Audrey Kessler (CSYL), Martin Van Lith (OSC), Anthony Graves (TOB PELM), Johan McConnell (SYCA), Josh Slaughter (Legislator Browning's office), Adrienne Esposito (CCE), Chart Guthrie (DEC), Camilo Salazar (SCDEE)

Meeting is opened at 2:15 by Adrienne Esposito (AE). AE states the final Nelson Pope and Voohis (NPV) report agrees with Working Committee's recommendations.

Camilo Salazar from SC, states that the next necessary step is to extend the NPV contract so the sediment collecting from the lakes and lab analysis can be completed. This testing is necessary to determine if the soil contains any contaminants which will have an impact on disposal options for the dredge material. There is \$25,000 left over from the original contract and an additional \$50,000 was allocated but a Suffolk County Resolution is needed to permit the additional needed funds to be used for the sediment testing. Josh Slaughter will help to expedite this matter. He will submit a resolution for the June 1st deadline. AE will craft letter of support on behalf of the working group for the resolution and will distribute it to the 18 legislators.

After much discussion it was determined that a pre-application meeting is required. And Councilwoman Kepert will coordinate it. That meeting will produce the proper guidelines for how to proceed with the permit applications. It is determined that TOB DEP representative Jeff Kassner will file applications. All applications for upper and lower Yaphank Lake and Canaan will be submitted simultaneously, but a separate application will be submitted for each so that one does not hold up the rest.

As per Chart Guthrie, some of the permits that will be required will be:

- Fresh water/wetlands
- Solid waste permits
- WSR

Present at the pre-application meeting will be (but not limited to):

- Town of Brookhaven DEP and Waste Management
- County DPW and DEE
- Consultant, NPV
- A dredging Expert (to determine de-watering locations among other things)

With the application of the permit an IMA between County and Town should be executed to deal with the dredging of the County's portion of the lower lake. Once application is

filed the SEQRA process will be triggered. It is thought that the NPV final report is sufficient for the SEQRA document. The sediment testing just needs to be added, and once completed, will be an addendum to the existing final report.

Funding Discussion:

The cost to dredge the two lakes is \$2.1 million.

- Anthony Graves will look into using a portion of the \$650,000 grant for the fish passage and the dam safety study to go toward the implementation of the invasives plan.
- Eva Greguski will look to see if there are funds available in the capital budget from the harvester.
- The Yaphank community will use their Caithness funds for plan implementation/permits or whatever is needed to get rid of the weeds. That total is \$480,000. Although this is specifically for project implementation, the civic has offered to use if for any studies or applications to speed up the process.
- Connie discusses using the community development benefit funds from development projects in the area to go toward the implementation plan. Funds will be collected at time of change of zone, site plan and issuance of CO.
- The county will look to see if the ¼ cent sales tax, 477 funds, can be used for this.
- Kevin from Assemblyman Murray's office, will take an aggressive look at what funding the state can provide.

It is discussed that ecologically, it makes most sense to dredge upper lake first and then lower lake. Times dredging cannot take place (as per CG) April 1 to June 30. Best time is July 1 to Dec 1.

Chart Guthrie discusses the logistics of the implementation and states a survey will be required for sonar application which we have to be mindful of if we do the dredging first. Therefore it would make sense to do sonar first. However, it's likely that if the dredging is done first the sonar will not be necessary. We can do the diver hand harvesting in place of that sonar. This option seemed to be in everyone seemed to like that.

AE is optimistic that we can begin dredging by the fall.

The group summed up the "next steps"

- Introduce and pass the resolution to extend the consultant contract to do the soil sampling.
- Confirm funding sources for dredging.
- Complete soil sampling.
- Begin DEC Permitting process, beginning with pre-application meeting