

February, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Peg Kronen Total checking and savings unrestricted over \$13,000

- \$5,000 grant from Onondaga Lake Partnership (not included in above total)
- Will cost \$2,000 to remove matting system (amount already removed from above total)
- Donation letter to residents has brought in about \$9,000

Old Business: Anita Williams

- August 1 workshop, Protecting your Property Rights:

Gas Lease Termination very successful. Worked w/ Jenny Canfield, Town of Otisco resident/lease holder, Joe Heath, Environmental Attorney, and Ellen Harrison, co-founder of FLEASED and leased property owner to bring this workshop to OLPA towns. Postcards sent out to 650+ landowners w/ leases.

Standing room only @ Amber FD. Estimate of 100+ attended.

- Towns – Total ban – Spafford. Working on ban – Otisco and Tully, still working on Marcellus and Onondaga towards bans, currently have moratoriums. Urged everyone to attend town meetings and contact their Town Board members, let them know you want strong protection for Otisco Lake and its watershed.
- Marcellus 1st town to set moratorium, but difficult to get on board w/ ban, due to concerns about being sued (ie, Dryden and Middlefield law suits). “Home Rule” needs to stay in place. Marcellus is waiting for DEC report.

New Business

- Proposed boat launch at the Otisco Lake/Onondaga County Park – A. Williams,

P. Kronen, K. Ryan, and J. Linder met with Sen. DeFrancisco re: public launch. He suggested going to County. Park neighbor, Bill Howley (sp?) advised of a number of historical facts about the park and the impact the launch would make.

Suggestion made that he document facts and join the group to meet with County politicians.

- Real NY is making maps showing those against hydrofracking. (look for more information at end of minutes**)

- Agreement to send \$50 donation to Amber FD for OLPA's use for 2 July meetings. Very much appreciated using their great space

OLPA Fishing Tournament: Vince Legnetto

- 50 participants in 2011

- Sept. 8-9, 2012 are the dates this year (see poster on website)

- Food, ice cream social, music, educational opportunity w/ informational packets

Matting: Vince Legnetto

- Almost done for the season, mats have been removed and stored at Linder's

Otisco Lake Marina warehouse

- Some first year problems w/ gas bubbles forming under mats (decaying plant life)

causing mats to lift. Divers slit mats to allow release of gas trapped beneath the mats.

- Will start earlier next year – water was too cold for this year's start.

- OLPA may lease out to local residents excess mats next year

- We were reminded, as per Russ Nemecek of the Onondaga County Health Dept/Environmental Div. at the last OLPA "Weed" meeting, "everyone's waterfront is their own responsibility, just like their lawns" that they need to take care of.

Harvesting: Vince Legnetto

- Explained what the harvester did this year, areas of concentration, and why

Next OLPA meeting TBA – may need to alter next regular meeting due to school starting, summer ending. Will probably not meet every month during the winter.

**Responsible Associated Landowners of NY

Can you help us?

We are a newly formed association of landowners fighting back against the gas companies that say the majority of landowners in New York State want fracking. They're claiming that owners representing over 77,000 acres of land are pro-fracking.

We believe we can top that number. Please ask other landowners you know to visit

<http://realnys.com> please, spread the word. Help us change the conversation in New York by showing the world how much New York's landowners love our land. We are the Responsible Associated Landowners of New York State. We are REAL NYS.

Please don't hesitate to email us with any questions or comments:

bill@realnys.com, wherethegreatonesrun@gmail.com

To look up your property tax parcel number and acreage in Onondaga County click here

<http://ocfintax.ongov.net/imate/search.aspx>

Just type in the name of record of the property owner, ignore the other fields...simple.