

SAVE OTISCO COMMITTEE

Monday, July 31, 2023

Agenda

Present: Jon Bristol, Mike Bome, Mike Nerone, Linda Kelly, Bob Ciota, Rachel Lewis, Jen Griffin

1. Old Business

a. Purchase of Barge by OLPA Jon

Barge is purchased, setting up training with Kern in next 2 weeks. A few people interested in using/learning about it. Jon spoke with Vista about storing it on their docks, it looks likely but he thinks we need a hoist. Jon is looking around for hoist, this might be temporary. This location will keep it closer to where we use it. In winter will store at local marina.

Boat needs some clean up now, paint, flag and some safety things. Need further inspection to decide. We will ideally set up a business with hired staff, or lease the boat to third party to operate, all remains tbd. Hoping to have more definite plans in August.

a. Neighborhood Meetings Jon

Abend Point mtg well received, volunteers and emails collected. Wheeler Terrace (Betsy) August 20 at 1:15, Mike Bome inviting Wheeler Rd toward Corner Store for a meeting 8/7, Rachel Lewis organizing her area toward Olanco. Syratisco is Saturday 8/5, Heath Grove 8/7 still need to schedule Burma Rd, Fitzgerald Point among other areas.

b. County Legislature Follow up Jon

Julie is connecting with Jon, we will eventually send her a request for funds for the barge and a pilot program for the barge. Solitude will be asked to give advice/estimates and assistance on what we ask for from County and when they can provide a weed management plan and potential cost for Otisco.

c. Update regarding success/failure with private weed collection Bruce

in the narrows and what applies to our greater initiatives

including disposal of weeds

Bruce not available to discuss

d. Solitude Proposal Jon Glen from Solitude will come and talk with the committee. We will ask for an estimate for creating a weed management plan and ask the County for the funding to pay for the plan. Looking to meet with Solitude within 2 weeks.

e. Logo Design Mary

Mary will take our feedback and requests to Maureen for a composite of a couple logos

f. Website Development Linda

Looked at first run of the website, emailing the credentials to the group for further review. We love Linda's work

2. New Business

a. Committee roles and responsibilities (see attached) Mary

Rachel setting up Facebook and Instagram for Save Otisco

b. 9 E Plan, Watershed management plan, weed management Jen plan; what's the difference and what are we focused on
Julie says they are considering putting together a sub committee on weed issue across the county because it is such an issue at multiple places. Budgeting occurring now, Julie asked for numbers or requests from Jon in next 2 weeks.

c. Group chat/Microsoft Teams/ Slack Jon
Setting up a Dropbox and Google Drive as a vault for info we are gathering. We can make folders and links to organize the information. Limiting use of text messages for more urgent or time sensitive communication. Linda and Rachel setting this up

d. Skills needed to round out the Committee Mary/Jen
social media, fundraising, data base management, grant writing, legal?

e. Joint meeting with OLPA Jen
Inform and create strategy going forward- i.e. as a Membership organization, Save Otisco as a special task force within OLPA, fundraising, treasurer/financial expertise needed, task redundancy prevention
Tim is receiving these minutes and keeping up to date but we need to meet in person to discuss the committee and the full OLPA Board

f. Schedule call/meeting with Solitude regarding Weed Jon management plan
Next 2 weeks

g. Next steps Jon

Committee Roles /Assignments

Research Gather articles,
call other lake associations, [Whole committee](#)
Provide summaries of relevant information for committee and website
Secretarial Minutes [Jen](#)
Agendas, [Mary](#)
Correspondence [Mary](#)
Database management Contact information,[Jen will start](#)
residential surveys and results tabulation [Mrs Jon?](#)
Grants Identifying grant opportunities; grant writing, proposal preparation
for funding sources [Bob](#)
Government Relations [Identify individuals with relationships with Soil and water, Onondaga county, DEC, OCWA, etc would Tim to be part of this](#)
Prepare requests for funding/plan implementation
to government agencies, Present plan and requests to government

agencies

Business management Set up barge suctioning and matting business [Mike N, Bruce](#)

Website Creation and maintenance [Linda](#)

Social Media Publish interesting data; provide updates on Save Otisco,
Etc. [Rachel](#)

Fund Raising Identify fund raising opportunities, coordinate with OLPA
and Shuffle Committee to avoid duplication [Mike B](#)

[Next meeting August 14th 7:00 pm](#)