

**Joseph Wetmore
Town Board Member Report
February 2025**

**Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.
Tuesday, January 21·10:00 – 11:30am**

- * Director's Summary – Adam Effler
- * Review of 2024 OLWMC Objectives
- * Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report
- * December 2024 Financials Approval
- * Lake Level Report
- * NYSDEC FL Hub Update
- * Owasco Watershed Lake Association Update
- * Cornell Cooperative Extension Update
- * Watershed Inspection Monthly Report

**Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO)
Wednesday, January 22·7:00 – 9:00pm**

- * Approval of the annual work plan
- * Consider letter of continued support for FLXPAS (PFAs database) project
- * Cayuga Lake Clean Water Plan (TMDL)
- * Watershed Manager - Isaac Walker (10 minutes)
- * Chair Report

**Bolton Point DSWP2 Stakeholder Meeting
Thursday, January 23·10:30 – 11:30am**

We discussed Adam Effler's, Director Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, comments on Bolton Point's DSWP2.

**Tompkins County Council of Governments Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 23·3:00 – 5:00pm**

We were introduced to the new County Administrator, Korsah Akumfi.

1. Reports, Presentations, and Updates
 - a. Katelin Olson was elected Vice Chair.
 - b. Broadband Update: Applied for New York ConnectALL grant to cover 7 towns (except Dryden and Caroline who have their own ConnectALL grants). There has been considerable back and forth with the granting agency filling in details. The grant is for \$11.3 million with Point Broadband matching an additional 3 million.
 - c. Tompkins County, NY Building Code Administration Study
 - *Priority Strategy Areas
 - *Centralizing 911 addressing
 - *County-wide building permit & code software
 - *Pipeline of Building code enforcement officers
 - *Shared Court
 - *Establish specialized support services
 - *Shared staffing
- Towns may have to adopt a local law to accommodate licensing.

- d. New State wetland maps are being adopted.
 - e. New FEMA maps are being updated and Towns need to have draft revised floodplain development map law by March 2025.
 - f. Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County (CCETC) Solar Development Initiative Discussed current issues with large scale solar.
2. Subcommittee, Liaison, and Other Reports
- a. Cyber Security and Municipal Information Technology Services
 - b. Emergency Planning and Preparedness: Ensure Access to Emergency Medical Services - Governor's State of the State Booklet. NYS may require counties to provide ambulance services.
 - c. Energy: Ithaca's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, branded as Tompkins Green Energy Network (TGEN), is scheduled to begin enrolling customers by the end of the year. This is for the City of Ithaca and the Town of Ithaca.
 - d. Transportation: New winter spring schedules are out. Ridership is up, but not back to pre-pandemic levels.
3. Resolution Supporting Expanded Membership for the Board of Directors, Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) was tabled to the March meeting.

Planning Board

Monday, January 27-6:30 – 8:30pm

- *Final Plat Review/Approval of Major Subdivision of land at 0 Teeter Road Tax Parcel # 37.1-7-18.12
Project Description: Major Subdivision of approximately 8.9 acres into three lots, including 580' of 8" DI water main plus three (3) services. This project is located in the R1 zoning district. Review of Final Plat, issue final conditions/ approvals
- *Project: Final Plat Review of Minor Subdivision of land at 555 Ridge Road. Project Description: Preliminary Plat review of subdivision of land at 555 Ridge Road into three parcels: Parcel A (4.21 acres), Parcel B (2.45 acres) and Parcel C (.99 acres). The board approved the project, with conditions.
- * Lot Line Adjustment totaling 1+ acre at 1868 E. Shore Drive. This project is in the R2 zoning district. Referral to Planning Dept. for sign – off
- *Sketch Plan Review – Minor Subdivision of land at 113 Bower Road (188 acres) into 4 new residential lots, each totaling 1.25 acres. No new structures or infrastructure are being proposed. This project is in the R2 zoning district. Sketch Plan Review of project and preliminary comments
- * 106 E. Shore Circle Tax Parcel # 37.1-7-12.2 Major subdivision of land at 106 E. Shore Circle (9.9 acres) into 7 lots of varying size. No structures are being proposed; however, each parcel will include stormwater management practices with a SWPPP being prepared by the applicant. This project is in the R2 zoning district. Sketch Plan review of project and preliminary comments.
- * Project: Site Plan Review of Two solar Energy Facilities – NY Lansing I and NY Lansing II (Delaware River Solar) 0 North Triphammer Road Tax Parcel # 44.-1-1.2 and 44.-1-3.3 Site Plan Review of project The Board stated that a Lot Line Adjustment is necessary to facilitate the project.
- * Joe Wetmore thanked Al Fiorille (Chair) and Sandy Conlon (Co-Chair) for their time in these positions, while they will remain on the Board, Dean Shea will step up as Chair and Tom Butler as Co-chair, He also welcomed new Board member, John Duthie (Alternate), He reported that the resolution for DEC to hold public comment on Cargill Mine passed, Community Center repairs, Trails Committee would like to meet with the Planning Board to discuss projects going on that are near trails. The Planning Board invited the Trails Committee to their next meeting.
- * Al Fiorille stated that the Dandy Mart wants to come back to the Board looking for Site Plan 344 Amendments due to increased costs

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group
Wednesday, January 29:9:30 – 10:30am

*Comprehensive Trails Plan RFP – Update from Joe or Pat on the process and timing for the ‘Invitation to Submit’. Our hoped-for schedule for the plan remains:

- Award contracts to the selected firms – April 16 TB Meeting.
- Commence work – one month after award, May 16th.

*Myers Road Greenway Feasibility Study RFP – Update as above. Also, Mike Moseley will call the RR Co. for an update on the Myers Road crossing, and he will, in turn, update us.

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

*Rural Beautification Grant Cycle Open - The group decided to apply for another round of banner purchases. Pat’s office will create a revision of the current design that will ‘stand-out’ more than the current. The group will review at an upcoming meeting. Steve will refresh last year’s grant application and work with Pat to submit.

*Tompkins County Transportation Council – Update, if available, re: Steve’s contact with TC Transportation Planner, Fernando de Aragon, about the \$9,500 in his 2025 work plan to fund the Town Center Greenway feasibility study.

NEW BUSINESS

*Fittnell BBQ, 42 Secord Lane – Steve reached out to John Zepko to get his thoughts on the process and procedures our group should use when we have comments on the development of a trail-critical parcel. A draft of an email from our group to the Planning Board will be sent for review and discussion at the meeting.

Working Group Structure & Leadership in 2025

Yellow Barn - Permit Waiver Discussion
Tuesday, February 4:3:00 – 4:00pm

Discussed proposed waivers in the Draft Permit from ORES.

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group
Wednesday, February 12:9:30 – 10:30am

CURRENT PROJECTS

*Myers Road Greenway Invitation to Submit -- review and discussion.

*Comprehensive Trails Plan Invitation to Submit –review and discussion.

*Rural Beautification Grant Cycle Open – reviewed final banner design options Steve will refresh last year’s grant application and work with Pat to submit. The deadline is March 1st.

*PB requests a general update from WG, 10 min presentation with 10 min Q&A, on Feb 24. Four projects to be reviewed at this meeting.

- Delaware Solar
- Fittnell BBQ
- Conlon Rd
- East Shore Circle

*Working Group Structure & Leadership in 2025