

**Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee
2012-2016 Land & Water Resource Management Plan Public Hearing Minutes**

Date and Time: Monday, August 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Place: Oneida County Courthouse, County Board Room (second floor)

Members Present: Chairperson Tom Rudolph, Romelle Vandervest, Paul Dean, Carol Pederson, Greg Berard, and Bob Evsich

Others Present: Dan Kuzlik, Jean Hansen, Fred Heider (NCWRPC), and Barb Payne

Call to order: The hearing was called to order in the Oneida County Courthouse, County Board Room at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Tom Rudolph, who indicated that this meeting is a public hearing on the Oneida County Land & Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan, which was properly posted and the media was notified.

Approve agenda: Motion by Paul Dean/Romelle Vandervest to approve the public hearing agenda as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

Tom Rudolph gave a brief summary explaining the importance of having a county resource work plan. He noted that without the plan there would be no funding from the State. Fred Heider, planner, was introduced. Fred has been working with Committee and Staff in revising the new five year plan.

Fred Heider briefly summarized the parts of the plan and explanations were given. Bob Evsich had several questions concerning the plan. He was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee who aided in the development of this draft plan. He felt that it was a good plan and appreciated being a part of the process. Evsich stated by the utilization of a Land and Water Resource Management Plan we are essentially safe guarding the interests of everyone and they are trusting us to protect everyone's natural resources.

The committee approved the Public Hearing Draft of the plan as presented and directed to proceed by presenting the plan to the Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection (DATCP) at their Land & Water Conservation Board Meeting on October 4, 2011 in Madison. Everyone agreed unanimously. The LWRM Plan would then be presented to the Oneida County Board meeting for approval on October 18, 2011.

Public comments: There was no public present to comment. There were no comments submitted by mail or email to be read into the minutes.

Copies of the LWRMP (work plan) will be put in the supervisors mailboxes for them to review ahead of time.

Adjournment: Motion by Bob Evsich/Romelle Vandervest to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Payne, Recording Secretary

Thomas Rudolph, Chair