

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Water Commission

June 15, 2022

Present; Comm. S. Simmons, Comm. J. Kolb, Comm. D. Wilson, Comm. G. Baas

Also Present; E. Pepe

Absent; Comm. T. Bresina, Chairwoman J. Kelly

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

A motion to approve minutes of May 18, 2022 was made by Comm. S. Simmons and seconded by Comm. J. Kolb, all Ayes approve as written.

Visitors;

Tom Shedd – Mr. Shedd has a background as a research biologist for the US Army who ran an aquatic toxicology lab. He also helped develop water treatment filters for personal use. He visited to discuss the water quality of Chenango Lake specifically the concern regarding the Eurasian milfoil weed. He said that with any rooted vegetation, chemical treatment should always be a last resort. He said that rooted vegetation binds the nutrients that blue-green algae need to grow, so the rooted vegetation can be beneficial to the water quality. He said the problem is if you treat with herbicide or copper sulfate, you need to keep treating, because if you stop, you can end up with bad algal blooms. He said physically pulling the weeds out in a localized area near docks is ok if it is after spawning season so as not to disrupt the fish habitat. He suggested the best approach would be to do nothing because the weeds will be limited to the nutrients in the lake.

Correspondence; None

New Business; None

Old Business;

1. WWTP Nutrient removal Study – Supt. Pepe submitted the engineering report to EFC.
2. Lead Service Line Replacement – Work is complete. 10 lead service lines were replaced.
3. Water Meter replacements – No updates
4. New Filter Plant SPDES Permit – No updates

5. Rt 12 watermain replacement – Supt. Pepe stated he was checking for approval with USDA to use pipe the City had in stock.
6. I&I project – No updates
7. New Filter plant open house – No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is September 21, 2022 at 6:30pm to be held at the WWTP.