

SAVE OTISCO COMMITTEE
Monday, August 14, 2023
Agenda

Present: Linda Kelly, Mary Brown, Jon Bristol, Anita Williams, Mike Nerone, Tim Creamer, Bob Ciota

1. Old Business

a. Barge update Jon

Have not been able to train with Kern yet. Will train 2 days to cover in and out of the water components of the barge and equipment. Mats are not for sale to public, will be used by this program. Still thinking of a second barge to load with weeds so the functioning barge is constantly in use for removing weeds. In season storage likely at Vista, will find out of season storage as winter approaches. Also need a lift most likely. Flags will be made to identify our barge and Bruce's barge as affiliated with OLPA.

a. Neighborhood Meetings Jon

August 21

August 22

August 26

What other neighborhoods are we missing?

We have members committed to the meeting dates, want to get as many in as possible. Good feedback and many email addresses collected for the database.

b. County Legislature Budget Request Jon

Tim and Jon doing both short term and long term budget proposals for expenses. Larger budget based on Solitude or a plan we develop. These monies separate from the Health Dept money that is provided for harvesting. Soil and Water also has a harvester, could it be used at Otisco? Due to submit in September. Jon is trying to meet with the second legislator, Rich McCarron.

e. Logo Design Mary

Several more options of the logo were discussed. We chose one and will get the colors added for more discussion.

f. Website Development Linda

Continuing to develop saveotisco.com as interlinked and interchangeable with olpa website. Want the "save Otisco" phrase easily searched. Want to provide education regarding the methods of weed management. Adding info from each Finger Lakes, focusing on what the weed management plan is targeting. OLPA site will have more information on additional initiatives. No duplication on the 2 sites. Linda doing great job on this site, very happy so far will do separate meeting to further plan the website.

2. New Business

a. Preparation for meeting with Solitude; see draft list of questions

No definite meeting set yet, waiting for the rep (Glen) to confirm with Jon. Hope for Wednesday or Thursday. Mary gave full credit to chat gpt for the list. All in awe and stealing her strategy for ourselves. Solitude is using the ESF Study from 2017 and current CSLAP data as reference. Will ask Soil and Water if they can help with funding, perhaps also Finger Lakes Institute. Goal is to get an estimated cost for the weed plan asap for purpose of the budgeting for September. Solitude will be part of the presentations and discussions with agencies involved in funding and permissions, etc. Need to plan timing of who and when discussions are held.

b. Database management/email addresses

Current use of Mail chimp for OLPA is free, we need to decide if we want a service we pay for. Mail chimp links to Facebook and instagram. And what do we see future needs. Jennifer Burchler also volunteering for data base mgmt. Following up with Rachel about her interest and plan for getting help. Need to edit the [wwwsaveotisco@gmail](mailto:wwwsaveotisco@gmail.com) address to drop the www. Mike Nerone offered to do the Instagram page for us.

c. Joint meeting with OLPA

Jon

Perhaps a retreat or social engagement. There was some discussion about manpower/tasks with people available.

d. Next steps

Jon

Next meeting August 28 at 7 pm at McClurgs

Solitude and/or website both potential topics for the next meeting.