

# New York Citizens Advisory Committee (NYCAC) on Lake Champlain Management

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Ausable Valley Grange, Keesville and Zoom

## Approved Meeting Summary

Members Present: Walt Lender (Chair), Jackie Bowen, James C. Dawson, Laura Klaiber, Steve Kramer, Ricky Laurin, Tom Metz, Colin Powers, Vic Putman, Fred Woodward

Members absent: Jane Gregware, Charlotte Staats

Public Guests: Elizabeth Lee (Cornell Cooperative Extension)

*Note: This reflects the public guests in attendance for the NYCAC business portion of the meeting. ~20 public guests were present during the Love the Lake portion of the agenda, but we did not require sign ins.*

Presenters: Dr. Tim Mihuc

LCBP Staff: Katie Darr, Colleen Hickey, Elizabeth Lee, Kerry Crowningshield

Meeting summary prepared by Katie Darr, Lake Champlain Basin Program

### 6:00 – 6:30 pm

#### **NYCAC Business**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** (5 min) – Walt Lender, Chair
- 2. ACTION ITEM:** Review and vote on Draft May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting summaries (5 min) – Walt Lender, Chair
  - Motion to approve by: Vic Putman
  - Seconded by: Jim Dawson
  - Abstentions: None
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: All in favor, motion carried

#### **3. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Topics**

To account for upcoming holidays and schedule conflicts, the remaining 2024 meetings will take place on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm and December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3pm via Zoom. The upcoming agendas will include discussion on the 2025 focus areas.

#### **4. Break**

### 6:30 – 7:30 pm

#### **Love the Lake**

- 5. Welcome and Introductions** – Katie Darr & Walt Lender, Chair
  - Walt and Katie welcomed Love the Lake attendees, introduced the NYCAC, and invited attendees to stay connected with the NYCAC and attend future meetings.

- 6. Public Comment** – Walt Lender, Chair
  - No public comments were made.

## **7. Microplastics in Lake Champlain** – Dr. Tim Mihuc, SUNY Plattsburgh

Dr. Tim Mihuc, Director of the Lake Champlain Research Institute, presented an overview of microplastics and research underway to identify sources of these tiny pollutants. The recording of the presentation is available [here](#). The presentation slides are available [here](#).

Potential opportunities for NYCAC engagement with this work in the future:

- Citizen science plastic debris collection
- Engage municipal leaders and businesses in limiting plastic pollution

SUNY Plattsburgh is hosting a multimedia art display recognizing the role of climate change, plastics, and human development in our changing environments at the Plattsburgh State Arts Museum including plastics collected during Lake Champlain Sea Grant beach clean-ups. The exhibit is open until December 6<sup>th</sup>.