

At a Regular Meeting of the Greece Town Board held Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at the Town Hall, One Vince Tofany Boulevard, Rochester, New York there were:

PRESENT:

John T. Auberger	Supervisor
Shannon J. O'Keefe	Councilwoman
Brett Granville	Councilman
Andrew J. Conlon	Councilman
Kirk A. Morris	Councilman

Patricia W. Anthony, Town Clerk
Raymond DiRaddo, Town Attorney

ABSENT:

None

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Greece, New York, understands the concern and desire of the United States and Canada to have a plan of water level control that balances the needs of stakeholders in the Lake Ontario basin,

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the impounded waters of Lake Ontario provide reliable flows to produce inexpensive electricity and support international shipping; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the need to plan in both nations to meet the anticipated accelerating increases in urban demand for electricity projected in climate change reports; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is aware that the International Joint Commission's Working Group is promoting a new management plan that provides for increasing the range and duration of lake level variations; intended to restore the natural environment within the lower Great Lakes region that has been compromised by past regulation associated with the dams on the St Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the difficulties presented to the IJC's Working Group and predecessor committees in creating a new lake level management plan that addresses the desires of all stakeholders without causing unbalanced harm; and

WHEREAS, the Town has shoreline and near shore properties that may be impacted by any change to the decision making process and current performance of the Board of Control of the IJC ; and

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the 974 privately held parcels in the Town along the shoreline of Lake Ontario and its bays exceeds \$227,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes this investment in real property has been made with the critical elevations for risk management reliant on the demonstrated lake level management capabilities of the Board of Control since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the IJC has not provided risk maps for erosion rates and flooding impacts to the Town for any lake level management plan that deviates from the demonstrated capabilities of the IJC to maintain Lake Ontario water levels in a manner consistent with consideration of protection for shoreline properties; and

WHEREAS, to the extent that the IJC has not provided the Town with risk maps and critical elevations for anticipated flooding and erosion impacts for the new proposed lake level management plans; and

WHEREAS, by not providing such maps and critical elevations the IJC's Working Group and the IJC have created a condition where it is not possible for the Town's technical staff to develop quantitative evaluations concerning the impacts of any new lake level management plan in a manner sufficient to advise elected officials in decision making; and

WHEREAS, to understand the consequences of, and form an opinion about, any new Lake Ontario water level management plan, the Town requires maps for the 1% event (aka 100-year) flood and erosion loss risk, including any impact to bays, ponds and tributaries to distinguish the effects of the new plan from that reflected in current risk mapping; and

WHEREAS, the Town requires maps for the 1% event (aka 100-year) flood and erosion loss to inventory properties and assets that would be placed at risk from any new lake level management plan to understand and plan for financial, social, economic, and environmental impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that - the Town Board requests that the IJC provide the Town with the tools needed to understand the impacts of any new plan in the form of risk maps and critical elevations prepared through the use of models, consistent with the current practices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and United States Army Corps of Engineers, capable of withstanding the rigors of peer review, as the products will be relied on for decision making, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that, the Town will utilize the risk mapping of erosion and flooding that reflects the surge and wave run-up imposed over the projected high water levels for the 1% annual risk (aka 100-year) event, to assess and develop a response to any new plan, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that, in the event the new lake level management plan is expected to result in increased damages to private and public properties within the Town, the Town requests that the IJC, or IJC Working Group, provide the Town with an accounting of resulting needs and expected losses within the community, and identify the mechanism(s) that the IJC will put in place to fund protective actions, damage reparations, and address other consequences, before any change is made to the operating plan.

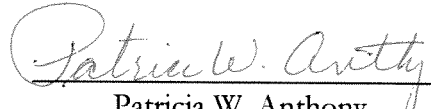
Supervisor Auberger thanked Councilman Morris and Councilwoman O'Keefe for their commitment to represent the interests of the riparians along the shore.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Auberger, O'Keefe, Granville, Conlon, Morris
 Nays 0

STATE OF NEW YORK)
TOWN OF GREECE) ss:
COUNTY OF MONROE)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Greece, Monroe County, New York, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing copy of the minutes of the meeting of the
Town Board of said Town, including the resolution contained therein, held on the 21st day of
February 2012, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct
copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject
matters therein referred to.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said
Town this 22nd day of February 2012.



Patricia W. Anthony
Town Clerk - Town of Greece

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