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**KEUKA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE**  
**MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 23, 2017**  
**URBANA TOWN HALL**

Acting chair Steve Butchko (Wayne) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge to the Flag. Board members present were Steven Butchko, Wayne; John Webster, Urbana; Mark Illig, Pulteney; Nate Olney, deputy for Barrington; Anne C. Green, deputy for Hammondsport; Patrick Killen, Jerusalem; Leigh Mackerchar, Penn Yan. Milo was not represented. Jim Balyszak and Colby Petersen, Contract Managers were present. Guests included Bill Jensen, Mark Morris, Brent Bodine, Bill Laffin, Dennis Carlson, and Bill Weber.

The November 28, 2016 meeting minutes as emailed were approved on motion of Killen and second by Webster. The Bookkeeper's report approval was delayed until clarification of items are made. Motion by Killen and second by Webster to approve payment of the Yates County Soil and Water charges for the Contract Manager was approved.

Nomination of the current officers of KWIC, (Butchko, Chair; Illig, Vice Chair; Pat Christensen, Bookkeeper; Anne C. Green, Secretary;) to continue for another year was made by Webster, second by Olney. All voted in favor.

Manager's Report - A recent change in ownership failed to include a renewal of the easement which KWIC needs to have access to its property on the south end of the lake. Penn Yan and the contract manager on working on this.

The waivers from DOH were conditional approved by the Geneva Office. The review had exposed that two local inspectors - Slowinski for Urbana and Hammondsport and Cedarstrand for Wayne lacked certain OTN training. There are 3 classes needed. These can be set up, each class is 6 hours. The Contract Manager will arrange for classes, and open them up to the public so there are 6 students for each.

Other Business: Dennis Carlson of KLA, presented information on the Starry Stonewart algae which has been found in 3 locations at the north end of the lake ( the south end has not been examined). This a particularly invasive species and it is felt it should be immediately dealt with. New York State currently has funding available. After discussion, it was agreed that we are unclear on which treatment is best for Keuka, and whether KWIC should be the vehicle to obtain funding, which would be an expansion of its current operations. With the grant deadline looming, on motion of Killen and second by Webster a committee was formed to examine options and make recommendation to the Board . Initial volunteers for the committee are Butchko, Illig, Killen.

Web page: Killen reported that what response he got was the site needs updating and a history should also be included. Generally it was agreed it should be utilitarian in nature.

On motion of Webster, second by Mackerchar the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm  
.Next meeting at Pulteney February27.