

**KEUKA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE  
MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 27, 2017  
HAMMONDSPORT VILLAGE OFFICES**

Chairman Stephen Butchko (Wayne) called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. All commissioners were present: John Webster (Urbana), Leslie Church (Milo), Mark Illig (Pulteney), Phil Warren (Barrington), Anne Green (Hammondspport), Patrick Killen (Jerusalem), Leigh Mackerchar (PennYan).

On motion of Killen and second by Illig the minutes of January 23, 2017 were approved with Milo abstaining.

- The Bookkeeper's report was reviewed. Discussion ensued concerning the DSD bills and whether we are in need of the insurance. The Chair and the staff will investigate these issues. The report was approved on motion of Jerusalem and second by Urbana.
- The manager's report was received and distributed to the commissioners; The manager was not present. The bill from Yates County Soil and Water was directed to be paid by motion of Jerusalem and second by Milo. The needed classes for certain inspectors is being worked on.
- The Board reviewed the statement on the Invasive Species Grant available from the DEC prepared by a sub group of members : Illig, Butchko, Killen; plus KLA members Carlson, Morris and Laffin plus Tim Cutler . There are 3 apparent options for eradicating the starry stone wort: physical removal, chemical treatment and introduction of sterile Carp. It was agreed (motion by Jerusalem, second by Barrington) for KWIC to become the lead agency to apply for a grant of \$100,000 over 3 years , there will be a 50% match required. Each municipality should send a support letter to be included in the grant application.

Next meeting is at Pulteney Monday March 27, 2017 at 7:00pm  
On motion of Urbana, second by Butchko we adjourned at 8:29