

I. J. C. NOTES FOR OSWEGO, NEW YORK PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2008

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GREETINGS,

MY FRIENDS SAY "WHY DO YOU SPEND ALL THAT TIME AND MONEY GOING TO ALL THOSE I.J.C. STUDY GROUP MEETINGS AND NOW THE I.J.C. COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARINGS." THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE BEEN INVITED OVER THE PAST YEARS. WE ARE RIPARIANS HERE IN WAYNE COUNTY WITH REAL ECONOMIC LOSSES AND CONCERNS. I HAVE OWNED 130 FEET OF SHORELINE SINCE 1957. I BOUGHT THE PROPERTY WITH A VERY NICE COTTAGE ON THE FRONTAGE. IN 1970 WE SOLD SOME ACREAGE RELUCTANTLY TO THE N.Y.S. D.E.C. IN ALBANY, N.Y. MY PROPERTY BORDERED THE BLACK CREEK BASIN AND WET LANDS. IN 1992 WE DEVELOPED AND BUILT A POLE BARN AND IN 1994 A LOG HOME UP THE ROAD. WE HAVE A NEIGHBOR WITH A HOME SINCE 1935. COTTAGES WERE BUILT IN 1935, 1936, 1937, 1947, 1948, 1957, 1964 & 1965. WE OWN 150 FEET OF LAKE ONTARIO. WE HAVE LOST MOST OF THIS IN VERY RECENT YEARS. OUR COTTAGE IS AT THE EDGE OF THE EMBANKMENT. IN THE 1980s OUR HOME WAS IN HONORABLE LOUISE SLAUGHTER CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WROTE TO HER THAT THERE WAS A REAL PROBLEM WITH COASTAL EROSION IN OUR AREA AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO GET SOME FUNDS FOR MITIGATION. THOSE COLONELS AT THE COE ROTATE OUT OF CHICAGO EVERY THREE YEARS. THE D.E.C. MAP DATED 1985 SHOWS WE LOST 18 INCHES PER YEAR AVERAGE IN THE PRIOR 100 YEARS. WE HAVE LOST 36 INCHES PER YEAR AVERAGE IN THE PAST 50 YEARS AND MOST OF THAT IN RECENT YEARS. YEARS 2000 & 2001 WERE SEVERE DISASTERS. THAT IS PERMANENT DAMAGE. IT WILL NEVER COME BACK. WE LIVE ON THE LAKE. WE OBSERVE ALMOST DAILY WHAT THE WATER LEVEL IS AND WHERE IT IS ON THE SHORELINE DEPENDING UPON THE WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY. OUR WINDS ARE PREDOMINATELY FROM THE WEST; NORTH WEST. LAKE ONTARIO HAS FROZEN OVER ONLY 4 TIMES. FEBRUARY 1979 WAS THE LAST. IN THE YEAR 2000 WE WATCHED THE HIGH LAKE LEVELS WASH TO THE SHORE; UP THE EMBANKMENT. IT CLAMMED OUT THE BEACH. WE WATCHED 3 FEET OF SOD FALL EVERY 10 DAYS WHEN WE WERE MOWING. WE WATCHED THE LAKE FLOW TO THE EAST LIKE A RIVER ALONG THE SHORE. CARRYING WITH IT LAKE BOTTOM, TREES, SHORELINE EARTH, AND FLOODED CRAP FROM THE BAYS AND MARSHES. JOHN KANGAS TOOK PICTURES. WE HAVE NO TAPERED EMBANKMENT; WE HAVE NO TAPERED BEACH; THE WATER GETS DEEP VERY FAST. MOTHER NATURE HAS BEEN OUR ONLY DEFENCE. WE WISH FOR A COLD WINTER FOR SHORELINE ICE TO PROTECT US FROM THE CRASHING WAVES. THE LAKE IS HIGH TO PROTECT MONTREAL FROM THE ICE FLOWS. THE LAKE GETS HIGHER AS WE HOLD BACK THE WATER FROM FLOODING MONTREAL AS THE OTTAWA RIVER FURIOUSLY DUMPS INTO THE ST. LAWRENCE AT MONTREAL. NOW AS WE NEED TO TRY PLAN 2007 WITH KEEN OBSERVATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS THE ENVIRONMENTALIST WHO DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE DOLLAR INVESTED TO LOSE, WANT TO FLOOD OUR SHORELINE MORE. THE N.Y.S. D.E.C. IS NOT USED TO YOU OR US ASKING QUESTIONS. THEY ISSUE PERMITS BY THEIR RULES. IN 1992 AT WOLCOTT THEY TOLD US WHAT WE COULD & COULD NOT DO. PERMITS WERE TIME CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE. THEY TOLD US THEY HAVE A SAMPLE AT FOREMAN PARK, PULTENEYVILLE, NEW YORK. AT \$800 TO \$1000 PER FOOT WE COULD HIRE TO HAVE PROTECTION IN PLACE. NO GUARANTEES; NO ASSISTANCE; AND I AM TOLD THOSE PROJECTS FAILED UP AND DOWN THE WATER WAYS.

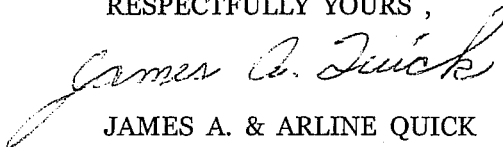
AT A TELECONFERENCE WE WERE TOLD BY A CANADIAN THAT WE WERE FOOLISH NOT TO HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE. FLOOD INSURANCE IS NOT AVAILABLE IN OUR AREA. WE ASK EACH YEAR AT INSURANCE RENEWAL TIME.

WE THANK YOU ( THE I.J.C. BOARD ) FOR COMING AND OFFERING INFORMATION SESSIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS. WE AS PROPERTY OWNERS THREATENED BY THE LAKE LEVELS NEED ALL THE HELP YOU CAN GIVE US. WE HAVE GONE TO MANY STUDY GROUP MEETINGS. WE HAVE LISTENED TO CONCERNS; I HAVE SPOKE ABOUT OUR CONCERNS; WE HAVE WRITTEN FOLLOW UP LETTERS OF WHAT WE HAD HEARD; WHO WE THOUGHT NEEDED EDUCATION ON FACTS. WE LEARNED AT THOSE MEETINGS THAT MANY HAVE REAL CONCERNS. SOME WERE INCONVENIENCES, OTHERS WERE MONETARY. OUR CONCERNS ARE EXPENSIVE AND PERMANENT. WE HAVE EMPHASISED THERE NEEDS TO BE REASONABLE COMPROMISE.

WE WITNESSED IN THE TOWN OF GREECE; MANY LEGISLATORS SPOKE WITH FACTS, FIGURES AND REAL CONCERNS IN FAVOR OF TRYING PLAN 2007 WITH DEVIATION. FROM WAYNE COUNTY THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF ONTARIO SPOKE OF POSSIBLE DEVASTATION UNLESS WE TRY PLAN 2007 WITH DEVIATION. DURING THE STUDY, WHEN WE WERE IN OGDENBURG THE WATER LEVELS VS HYDRO-POWER WERE DISCUSSED. THE PERSON FROM HYDRO-POWER STATED THAT THEY APPRECIATED AVERAGE WATER LEVELS MAINTAINED ( 245.3 FT). THERE IS A LOSS AT LOWER LEVELS AND NO PARTICULAR GAIN WITH HIGH LEVELS AS OF THAT YEARS INFORMATION. SHIPPING NEEDS WATER TO PASS THROUGH THE UPPER ST LAWRENCE. THE CAPTAIN KNOWS HIS DRAFT, HIS TONAGE AND YOUR LEVEL IN THE CHANNEL. THERE ARE SEASONS WHEN THEY MUST USE SMALLER VESSELS OR LIGHTER LESS PROFITABLE LOADS. WHAT WERE THE SIZES IN 1960? THEY NEED LIKE WATER SUPPLIES AT MONTREAL. ONE INCH OF LAKE ONTARIO CAN MEAN ELEVEN INCHES OF WATER ON THE ST. LAWRENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND THEY CAN NOT TOLLERATE RAPIDS. THEY NEED TO KNOW WHEN THERE IS TO BE AN EMERGENCY OUTFLOW. JUST AS LAKE ONTARIO IS HIGHER ON THE SOUTH SHORE WHEN THE WIND IS BLOWING; THE UPPER ST LAWRENCE RAPIDLY DROPS WHEN WATER IS RAPIDLY EMPTIED IN THE FALL TO ACCOMMODATE SHIPPING AT MONTREAL. IT WOULD BE NICE IF INTERIOR CANADA COULD DO SOME CONTROLLING OF THE OTTAWA RIVER BEFORE IT GETS TO THE ST LAWRENCE. WHAT WERE THE SIZES OF THE RECREATIONAL BOATS IN 1960 VS. NOWADAYS ?

WE AS RESIDENTS ON LAKE ONTARIO WISH TO TRY PLAN 2007 WITH DEVIATION. WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET. OUR LOSSES AND PROPERTY VALUES ARE AT STAKE.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS ,



JAMES A. & ARLINE QUICK

(PREPARED 20 JUN FOR 26 JUNE AT OSWEGO .)

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR SITE.

ENC: SAMPLE COPY OF OUR CHARTS WITH DATE, WATER LEVEL, MONTHLY AVERAGE WATER LEVEL, DEEP WATER TEMPERATURE IN FAIRENHEIT, HI & LO AIR TEMPERATURE IN ROCHESTER IN FAIRENHEIT, WIND DIRECTION AND WIND VELOCITY IN M.P.H.. NOTE WINDS ABOVE 20 MPH ESPECIALLY IF SUSTAINED OVER DAYS IS VIOLENTLY NOTEWORTHY. OCCASIONAL SOUTH WINDS ARE FAVORABLE TO US. WE ARE NOW INCLUDING MONTHLY NOTES OF PRECIPITATION. IN THE SUMMER OF 2007 WE HAD A THREE MONTH DROUGHT WITH HIGH AIR TEMPERATURES (EVAPORATION). A TRUE

DATE	L.O. LEVEL	L.O. AVE.	H <sub>2</sub> O TEMP. F.	AIR TEMP. F.	WIND DIR.	WIND VEL.
02-01-2008	244.9	244.7	35* F.	34/26 * F.	SE	29 MPH
02-02	244.8		36*	34/32	W	35
02-03	244.7		36*	35/31	W	14
02-04	245.		36*	37/31	SE	20
02-05	245.		36*	52/39	S	24
02-06	245.		36*	35/30	N	32 VIO.
02-07	245.1		36*	31/22	NE	20 V.
02-08	245.		35*	33/26	W	14
02-09	245.		37*	39/31	SW	43
02-10	245.1		37*	33/12	W	44 VIO.
02-11	245.1		37*	18/ 5	W	38 VIO.
02-12	245.1		35*	20/ 8	E	23
02-13	245.3		35*	34/24	S	23
02-14	245.2		36*	34/18	S	21
02-15	245.2		36*	36/23	SW	38
02-16	245.1		36*	27/13		
02-17						
02-18					SW	44
02-19	244.9		35*	31/22	SW	45
02-20	245.2		35*	24/13	SW	29
02-21	245.4		34*	25/13	W	22
02-22	245.2		34*	30/22	NE	20 V.
02-23	245.2		34*	30/20	NE	16 V.
02-24	245.2		34*	37/17	W	25
02-25	244.9		34*	39/22	W	26
02-26	245.5		34*	32/29	N	30 VIO.
02-27	245.3		34*	27/14		
02-28					W	25
02-29-2008	245.2	244.7	35*	30/ 0	S	26

03-01-2008	245.2		35* F.	35/29 *F.		
03-02					E	18 MPH
03-03	245.2		36*	65/31*	SW	30
03-04	245.3		36*	43/29*	NE	32 VIO.
03-05	245.3		36*	32/22*		
03-06						
03-07					N	23 V.
03-08	245.5		36*	31/27*		
03-09					W	41 VIO.
03-10	245.5		35*	33/ 7*	W	18
03-11	245.5		34*	38/14*	SW	18
03-12	245.5		34*	35/32*	NW	29 V.
03-13	245.5		34*	42/17*	W	35 VIO.
03-14	245.3		35*	50/32*	S	16
03-15	245.4		35*	41/32*	W	21
03-16	245.6		35*	36/32*	W	23
03-17	245.5 245.6		36*	35/20*	N	16
03-18	245.5		36*	43/26*	SE	23 V.
03-19			36*	45/39*		
03-20	245.6				W	38 V.
03-21	245.6		36*	35/24*	W	36
03-22	245.6		36*	34/20*	W	21
03-23	245.6		36*	34/19*	NW	21 V.
03-24	245.6		36*	34/24*	W	22
03-25	245.6		36*	44/19*	S	38
03-26	245.7		37*	46/37*		
03-27	245.7		37*		S	14
03-28-2008	245.7		37* F.	34/31* F.	N	17 V.

03-29-2008	245.7		37*	31/19 *F.	NW	20
03-30	245.7		37*	43/18 *	E	24
03-31-2008	245.9	245.0	38 * F.	55/37* F.	S	26

DATE L.O. LEVEL L.O. AVE. H2O TEMP. F AIR TEMP. F. WIND DIR. WIND V. MPH  
 APRIL 2008 LAKE ONTARIO DATA

04-01-2008	245.7	245.7	38* F.	66/52* F.	SW	55
04-02	245.9		38*	39/28*	NW	33 VIO.
04-03	246.		38*	57/24*		
04-04					S	18
04-05	246.		38*	54/35*	NW	15
04-06	246.		41*	61/36*	SE	23
04-07	246.		41*	64/40*	SE	28
04-08	246.1		39*	69/46*	S	24
04-09	245.9		39*	70/52*	W	16
04-10	246.4		42*	60/39*	NW	29 VIO.
04-11	246.3		41*	53/40*		
04-12					W	32 V.
04-13	246.4		41*	44/35*	N	25 V.
04-14	246.6		41*	50/38*	N	23 V.
04-15	246.6		41*	54/31*	N	20 V.
04-16	246.7		41*	67/36*	SW	18
04-17	246.6		41*	78/42*	N	23 V.
04-18	246.7		42*	78/48*	N	16
04-19	246.7		42*	86/49*	NE	22 V.
04-20	246.7		42*	80/61*		
04-21					E	22
04-22	246.9		43*	79/48*	E	18
04-23	246.8		42*	76/52*	NW	23 V.
04-24	246.7		44*	67/42*	N	17
04-25	246.8		44*	74/42*	S	15
04-26	246.8		42*	85/59*	NW	48 VIO.
04-27	246.9		44*	69/45*	W	20 VIO.
04-28	246.9		43*	57/43*		
04-29					NW	30 VIO.
04-30-2008	246.9	245.7	41* F.	51/32* F.	W	23 MPH V.

L.O. IS OVER 14 INCHES ABOVE AVERAGE. PRECIP. IS 5/8" LOW FOR APRIL ?

05-01-2008	247.0	246.1	44*	59/32* F.		
05-02					SE	20
05-03	247.0		43*	75/57*		
05-04					SW	34
05-05	247.0		45*	69/38*	W	25
05-06	247.0		44*	65/47*	NW	20 V.
05-07	247.1		45*	77/43*	W	26 V.
05-08	247.7		46*	60/50*	W	24 V.
05-09	247.		45*	58/40*	NE	26 VIO.
05-10	247.		45*	65/44*	N	21 V.
05-11	246.9		45*	67/42*	SE	32
05-12	247.		44*	62/52*	N	23 V.
05-13	247.		45*	70/42*	N	14
05-14	246.9		45*	75/44*	SW	26
05-15	247.0		47*	64/47*	W	20
05-16	246.8		50*	58/49*	SW	14
05-17	246.8		49*	65/45*	SW	32
05-18	246.9		50*	54/43*		
05-19					W	35 VIO.
05-20	246.9		51*	63/39*	W	23
05-21-2008	246.8	246.1	51* F.	53/41 * F.	SW	25