



St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council

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Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Classroom A, One Stop Career Center, Human Services Center

80 State Highway 310, Canton, NY 13617

- I. Call to Order:** Chair called the meeting to order 6:03 p.m.
- A. Land Acknowledgment** Chair read a land acknowledgement provided by Tony David, Director of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division, and used with his permission: “As we meet today, let us first give thanks and acknowledge that the land upon which we are gathered is part of the traditional indigenous territories, including the Rotinonshionni (Low-dee-no-SHOO-nee), the People of the Longhouse, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy; and the Kanienkehaka (Ga-nyun-geh-HA-gah), the People of the Land of Flint, also known as the Mohawk Nation.”
- B. Roll Call** 6 of the 10 members present. **Quorum was obtained**
1. Members Present: L. Bage, *Secretary*; R. Graham; E. Harriman; S. Rau; B. Washburn, *Chair*; N. Woodworth, *Vice Chair*.
 2. Members Absent: ; R. McAuliffe; A. Pearson; L. Rudiger; N. Terminelli, *BOL Liaison*.
 3. St. Lawrence County: S. Joseph, *Planner II*; J. Pfothner, *Planning Director*.
 4. Guests: Blake Lavia, *EMC applicant*.
- C. Acceptance of Order of Business** (Woodworth/ Bage) (passed unanimously)
- D. Approval of Minutes** (May 20, 2026) (Bage/Rau) (passed unanimously)
- E. Data Center update** Planning Director reviewed current status of Data Centers with BOL resolution, State proposed moratorium, and general status.
- F. Public Comments:** comments on Reynolds proposed clean up inquiry for more information. Comments opposing data centers, nuclear, and mosquito spraying.
- G. Reynolds Site 5 year Review:** Because of public comment interest in Reynolds Site 5 year review chair moved overview up. Staff gave overview of the update. The contaminated site is under the river next to the Reynolds plant and is capped. The 5 year review does sampling to insure containment measures are working appropriately. Report will be issued in August.
- II. Reports:**
- A. Report of the Board of Legislators:** None
- B. Report of the DEC:** None
- C. Report of the Planning Department:** See work report
- D. MUT update:** Member gave update on MUT Clarkson Study. Council discussion with feeling focus on economic issues and ignoring environmental matters. Public input session June 18, Brasher Falls Central School 5:30 p.m.
- III. New Business:**
- A. Cranberry Lake**
1. **Lake Protectors Training Aug 11 5 - 7 pm**
 - a. Not paddle on water. It is an inside event.
 - b. Want to do an EMC picnic sort of event prior this event.
 - (1) Reserve a space (campground, HUB, library pavilion, maybe bring canoe or kayak boat club dock)
 2. **Cranberry Lake Management Plan**
 - a. Suggestion that the EMC could facilitate and nudge the creation of Cranberry Lake Association with goal towards initiating them to create a Lake Association Management Plan.
 - b. Anna Hardiman lead the APIPP event will be a good partner in this

- c. Other partners the Cranberry Boat Club and Beth who attended our meeting last fall with concerns on Cranberry Lake.

IV. Member Updates:

A. EAB Tour attended by S. Rau.: Sustaining Ash Partners Network May 11 at Brasher State Forest Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe have been tending the Black Ash. EAB came through devastating the trees. Some strategies for basket makers to deal with this pest include seed saving, harvesting good trees for storage, and treating with pesticides. The trees are treated once every three years and noticeable difference on treated versus non treated. Controversy on making baskets from pesticide treated trees.

B. EMC Recruitment:

- 1. Discussion on membership and applicants

C. Discussion on data center and nuclear energy

V. Adjourn: (Rau / Woodworth) 8:14 p.m.