

1999  
KWIC MINUTES



# KEUKA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE

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12 March 1999

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held in the Jerusalem Town Hall on 25 January, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Plaisted at 7:41 p.m. All members were present.

The following guests were present:

Peter Landre - Cornell Co-op Ext.  
Chris Haesche - KWIC Office Manager  
Karl Wilhelm - Wayne Councilman  
Dr. Alexander Wahlig - KLA  
Joseph Littleton - KLA  
Edward Balsley - Gate Manager

## Minutes of 23 Nov. 1998

Upon a motion by Mr. Andersen, second by Mr. Chadwick, these minutes were approved.

## Finances

.(See attachments)

.Upon a motion by Mr. Chadwick, second by Mr. Multer, the financial statements were approved.

.J.C. Smith's unused vacation pay question was resolved upon a motion by Dr. Pennise, second by Mr. Baran in that a lump sum of \$599. would be paid to Mr. Smith in satisfaction of this issue.

## Election of Officers for 1999

Chairman Plaisted addressed this portion of the meeting with a statement on his health. Upon a motion by Mr. Andersen, second by Dr. Pennise, the same officers would be in place for 1999 as were in 1998, including Mr. Chadwick as Vice Chairman.

## Manager Replacement

Secretary/Treasurer Snow reported that 13 applications had been received and 4 were selected for interview by the Personnel committee consisting of Messrs. Snow and Chadwick, Chairman Plaisted. Other members were invited to join the interview process.

## Members

Myron Baran - Pulteney  
James Multer - Barrington  
Richard Gardiner - Urbana

Emery L. Cummings - Hammondsport  
John Andersen - Jerusalem  
Leigh MacKerchar - Penn Yan

Keuka Looking Ahead

Peter Landre reported on the grants and drew the members attention to news articles on this project.

Office Manager

Ms. Haesche had been in a serious car crash and was recovering, but might need surgery. Mr. Lester Travis of Yates Co. Soil & Water Cons. Service has been helpful in her absence.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Chadwick, second by Mr. Andersen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

W. Weber  
Recording Secretary

Encls.

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## Minutes of the Regular Meeting held in the Milo Town Hall on 22 Mar. 1999

Chairman Plaisted called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

All members were present with the exception of Myron Baran of Pulteney

Guests present were: Joseph Littleton - KLA  
Edward Balsley - Gate Manager  
Chris Haesche - KWIC Officer Manager  
Dr. Alexander Wahlig - KLA  
Paul Bauter - KWIC Manager  
Robert Turissini - KLA

### Treasurer's Report (see enclosed)

Treasurer Snow did not see any need for a levy on the members at this time because of the healthy balance.

### Manager's Report

Paul Bauter was introduced as the new KWIC Manager.

He reported on attending a meeting on a new peat absorption/drainage system currently under review by NYS DOT.

This system involves a tub filled with peat that sits on an absorption field.

Mr. Littleton asked if this system would/could meet DOT standards. The answer was that it might qualify as an alternative system and might be a candidate for a local waiver. DOT in Hornell is pleased and DOT in Geneva is not yet sure.

### Comments by Mr. Littleton

The KLA survey demonstrated again that Water Quality is the chief concern of the membership. All surveys to date have demonstrated the same thing by a wide margin.

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Peter Landre - Keuka Looking Ahead

There is a leaflet available for a workshop on this topic.  
There is an EPA Grant opportunity for watershed co-operatives.

Peter and Mr. Littleton attended a Penn Yan Village Board Meeting and showed a video on the KWIC story.

There will be available soon, a 30 - 40 page text for residents of watershed, as a summary of the plan.

The next step is for KLA to integrate survey with watershed plan.

Sewer Study

Senator Kuhl's office is involved in the quest for funding of a Lake wide sewer study.

Chairman Plaisted questioned the involvement of KLA rather than KWIC for member item funds.

Wayne Ackart, PE is assisting in the project and will contact Dr. Wahlig for further co-ordination details.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Chadwick, second by Mr. Andersen, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

W. Weber  
Recording Secretary  
15 May 1999

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Weber', written over the typed name and date.

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Minutes of the KWIC meeting held on May 24, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Chairman Merton Plaisted.

Members Present: John Andersen, Merton Plaisted, Tom Chadwick, Myron Baran, Norman Snow.

Members Absent: James Multer, Sam Pennise, Leigh MacKerchar

Guests Present: Paul Bauter, KWIC Manager; Christine Haesche, KWIC Office Manager; Peter Landre, Agent, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Joseph Littleton, KLA; Edward Balsley, KLOC Gate Manager (& Acting Secretary)

On a motion by Jack Snow, seconded by Tom Chadwick, the minutes of the March 22, 1999 meeting were approved.

Finances: Jack Snow distributed copies of the latest financial report. The checkbook balance remains in good shape. Snow motioned all outstanding bills be paid, seconded by Tom Chadwick and carried.

Managers Report: Paul Bauter reported there are six sand filters in operation and one notice of violation was sent out. He presented a data conversion and application design proposal from Christensen Computer for \$2240. There was no action and the matter was deferred for future discussion. He also reported that all of the KWIC computer files were checked for Y2K compliance and there are 32 files out of 1496 that need some further investigating. He also noted that there is a need for more furniture for the new office in the Keuka Business Park. He is also getting prices together for moving and possibly increasing the phone lines. A motion to purchase all necessary equipment and services was made by Tom Chadwick, seconded by John Andersen and carried. Jack Snow motioned that the lease agreement with Yates County Industrial Development Agency be accepted, seconded by John Andersen and carried. John Andersen motioned the Treasurer be authorized to make all required payments on the lease agreement by June 1, 1999, seconded by Tom Chadwick and carried.

Keuka Looking Ahead - Peter Landre. Peter reported there was a Rural Landowner Seminar on Saturday, May 22. Approximately forty people attended to hear eight different speakers on various topics. On August 12th there will be an evening program in conjunction with Keuka College regarding water quality on the lake. Peter also noted that Keuka is setting up a Water Lab at the college which will greatly enhance the water quality studies. He also reported work is continuing on the video and Joe Littleton is reviewing a draft storyboard. The watershed management plan is completed and currently at the printers. There will be seven thousand copies made. Jack Snow asked for an update on Zebra mussels.

Peter expects to see an increase in population this year but remarkably, surveys to date do not show mass problems with individual water systems.

Sewer Study -John Andersen reported the final draft to be sent to Senator Kuhl's office will be ready tomorrow (5/25). The expectation is to get funding for a two-year period. This will produce a basic study for the entire lake. John plans on getting representation from DEC involved in an attempt to enhance the funding even further. He stated that a special KWIC meeting may have to be called before the next regularly scheduled one to review progress.

Other Business Paul Bauter noted there may be a peat system installed shortly in the Town of Urbana. He would like to initiate a three-year study on the system to determine efficiency.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Edward Balsley, Acting Secretary

Encls.

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Minutes of Meeting held in Barrington  
July 26, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Merton Plaisted.

Members Present: John Andersen, Merton Plaisted, Tom Chadwick, Myron Baran, Norman Snow, Sam Pennise, Jim Multer, Leigh MacKerchar.

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Paul Bauter, KWIC Manager; Christine Haesche, KWIC Office Manager; Peter Landre, Agent, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Dr. Al Wahlig, KLA; Edward Balsley, KLOC Gate Manager (& Acting Secretary); Wayne Ackart, Town of Jerusalem Engineer; Tom Wolanski and Ford Ritz, Clough, Harbour & Associates.

On a motion by John Andersen, seconded by Jack Snow, the minutes of the May 24, 1999 meeting were approved.

Finances: Jack Snow distributed copies of the latest treasurer's report. He noted there is about \$6000. remaining in the account and feels he will need about another \$4000. He motioned that KWIC assess all the members their proportion of \$4000. of the \$6500. in annual dues with the other \$2500. to be assessed later. The motion was seconded by Leigh MacKerchar and passed unanimously. Jack then reviewed several outstanding bills, one of which is a bill from Cellular One for the cell phone J. C. Smith used which he is trying to cancel. He stated he is also discontinuing membership to the Yates County Chamber of Commerce since the only reason the KWIC joined was to get insurance for J. C. Smith and it is no longer needed.

Manager's Report: Paul Bauter distributed copies of the inspection activity report for the period of May 23rd to July 23rd. He added extra sheets to show the report in a couple of different formats. Paul reported there was not too much reaction to his letter of June 28th to all real estate offices. Myron Baran noted he received a couple of complaints and feels the town inspectors should be authorized to approve work beyond the septic tank. Regarding the data conversion work that was tabled at the last meeting, Paul reported that Peter Landre is going to look into getting a better price.

Budget Revisited: Mert Plaisted asked Jack Snow for a recommendation for next year's budget. Jack felt that this year's budget could be used for next year as well. All agreed.

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Myron Baran - Pulteney  
James Multer - Barrington  
Richard Gardiner - Urbana

Emery L. Cummings - Hammondsport  
John Andersen - Jerusalem  
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Keuka Looking Ahead - Peter Landre. Peter distributed extra copies of the Keuka Lake Watershed Protection Summary. A public forum is planned in the Town of Wayne on August 24th and he distributed copies of a proposed agenda. The effects of the Zebra Mussel infestation are really becoming noticeable. Increasing water clarity will likely lead to increasing growth of weeds.

Sewer Study: Wayne Ackart gave a short presentation and introduced the two engineers from Clough Harbour and Associates. Keuka Lake needs a regional wastewater plan in place in order to be eligible for grant and loan monies for sewer improvements around the lake Randy Kuhl is working in Albany to get state funding for the study. Wayne estimates that once started, the project will take about fifteen months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes by Edward Balsley, Acting Recording Secty.

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Minutes of Meeting held in Wayne  
27 September 1999

The meeting was called to order by Chrm. Plaisted at 7:15 p.m.

All members were present with the exception of Penn Yan.

Guests Present were: Peter Landre - Cornell Co-op Ext.  
Joseph Littleton - KLA  
Paul Bauter - KWIC Manager  
Ken Blumenstock - KLA  
Dr. Alexander Wahlig - KLA  
Cris White - KWIC Office Manager  
Thomas Wolanski, P.E. - Clough, Harbour & Assoc, LLP  
Wayne Ackart, P.E. - Town of Jerusalem Engineer  
Paul Schmied, P.E. - DEC

## Minutes

Opon a motion by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Dr. Pennise, the minutes of the 26 July, 1999 meeting were approved.

Finances: (See attached reports) Chrm. Plaisted reported that the insurance had been paid.

Manager's Report: (See 2 attached reports) Mr. Bauter reported the following:

- . Three (3) notices of violation have been issued, with one involving a summons which will probably end up as a court order for compliance.
- . A MGM Computer will cost \$1500. vs. \$2200 from Christiansen Computers
- . The KWIC Manager is assisting Ontario County with a soil analysis.
- . The Civil Service test had Mr. Bauter tied with another person at 80%  
There were four others at 75%

## Motion to Appoint

Upon a motion by Dr. Pennise, second by Mr. Chadwick, Mr. Bauter was officially appointed the KWIC Manager, all in favor.

## 2000 Budget (See Attached)

Treasurer Snow pointed out that it is the same as 1999.

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Richard Gardiner - Urbana

Emery L. Cummings - Hammondsport  
John Andersen - Jerusalem  
Leiah MacKerchar - Penn Yan

Keuka Looking Ahead - Peter Landre. Mr. Landre reported on the forum held a while ago in Wayne. There was moderate turn-out (see the KLA Newsletter)

Sewer Study: Dr. Wahlig reported on the receipt of a letter from NYS announcing funds of \$100,000. available for the first year of study. Mr. Ackart reported the project spans two (2) fiscal years of the NYS Budget and that funds must be spent by March of 2000, \$100,000. first. By the November meeting, a schedule for the project/study must be defined.

Motion

Upon a motion by Dr. Pennise, second by Mr. Chadwick, Chrm. Plaisted was authorized to execute a contract with NYS.

Joseph Littleton (and others for comments)

Mr. Littleton reported on Zone 1 inspections and noted that KLA considers this a top priority. With only 42% of target reported, Mr. Littleton asked how KLA can help.

Chrm. Plaisted said the first year was difficult and there may be a mandatory "pump tank now" with Zone 1 inspections.

Dr. Wahlig reported the KLA newsletter of December, 1999 will contain Zone 1 inspection status reports.

Rochester D & C

It was reported that this newspaper will be doing a major story on Keuka Lake as the next in its series on the Finger Lakes. *(see attached)*

Adjournment

The meeting was not adjourned at this point, as Mr. Paul Schmied, P.E. of NYS DEC had arrived to talk on KLOC matters.

Submitted by,



W. Weber, Recording Secty.

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## Minutes for Meeting Held in Hammondsport November 22, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Chairman Merton Plaisted.

Members Present: John Andersen, Merton Plaisted, Tom Chadwick, Myron Baran, Norman Snow, Leigh MacKerchar.

Members Absent: Sam Pennese, Jim Multer.

Guests Present: Paul Bauter, KWIC Manager; Edward Balsley, KLOC Gate Manager (& Acting Secretary); Wayne Ackart, Town of Jerusalem Engineer; Paul Schmeid, NYSDEC.

On a motion by John Andersen, seconded by Jack Snow, the minutes of the September 27, 1999 meeting were approved.

Finances: Jack Snow distributed copies of the latest treasurer's report. He finally got the Cellular One balance back to zero. He also questioned the need to renew the membership with the Yates County Chamber of Commerce. The consensus of the Commissioners was to not renew. On a motion by John Andersen and a second by Tom Chadwick, the report was accepted as presented.

Managers Report: Paul Bauter distributed copies of a draft Inspection Policy and a proposed fee schedule. He asked the Commissioners to review the proposals and discuss further at the January meeting. A general discussion followed with several questions asked but no action taken.

Sewer Study: Wayne Ackart reported things are going very well. The formal application package has been filled out and submitted. The Keuka Lake Association (KLA) has received the formal contract. NYSDEC Region 8 has reviewed and approved the package. Right now, Wayne expects final approval in January. The first \$75K should be in the hands of the KLA by the end of January. The next step is to come up with a contract between the KLA and the engineers. Wayne noted a steering committee needs to be established including representation from DEC.

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John Andersen - Jerusalem  
Leigh MacKerchar - Penn Yan

Other: Mert Plaisted noted a meeting NYSEG is getting together regarding the status of the canal to the Keuka Generating Station Penstock and who will be responsible for operating the gate at Bradford.

Mert then noted an article in the *Corning Leader* regarding the condition of the sanitary systems around Keuka Lake. He did not think it required a response but did feel the article was very negative.

John Andersen reported on a meeting between the Town of Jerusalem and a Cornell International Study Group which was very interested in the workings of the Watershed Cooperative. The group was amazed at how well the municipalities around Keuka Lake have worked together.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Ed Balsley  
Acting Recording Secretary