

February 10, 2020 Witches Woods Tax District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-Draft

Members Present: Mike Moran, Glen Humes, Tom Pandolfi, Sandy Pandolfi, Phyllis Bonneau, Ray Bonneau, Maggie Houlihan ad John Barber.

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to Accept Last Month's Minutes.

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches – John Barber

- **We have been notified by the DEEP that we are due for our mandatory five year dam inspection. Jim Hutten, our previous Lake, Dam and Beaches Board Member, recommended Karl Acimovic who was the engineer for the lake dam project in 2015. John contacted Karl for an estimate to conduct the inspection and he submitted a price of not more than \$2600 which is less than \$3500 price in 2014. The Board agreed to accept Karl's proposal. The funds will be drawn from our Operating Expense budget once approved at the Witches Woods Tax District Annual Meeting in May 2020.**

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to accept Karl Acimovic P.E. & L.S. Consulting Engineer's proposal for engineering services required by the DEEP for a 5 year regulatory dam inspection not to exceed \$2600 and to be performed in the FY 2021.

Building, Zoning & Appeals – Ray Bonneau

- Permit #19-114M was issued to Debra Truss and Richard Fontaine of 35 Crooked Trail Extension for a mini split heat pump.
- Permit #19-2120M was issued to Ashley Murdock of 20 Crooked Trail for a set of 120 propane tank fuel lines to run a generator.
- Permit #19-127 was issued to David and Catherine Phoenix of 55 Crooked Trail to install a 14 KW generator.

Safety, Rules, and Regulations – Glen Humes

- Glen discussed the safety concern of a large tree on the property at the entrance from Route 171. The tree is on private property but blocks a clear view of oncoming traffic when exiting the lake road. Glen will approach the homeowner to see if he will grant permission to remove the tree.

Roads – Tom Pandolfi:

- Tom will contact John Albrecht to add concrete aggregate stone to areas of roads that have deep potholes or a washboard effect. This type of stone should hold up better with freezing and melted ice.
- The Board has decided to schedule leaf pickup in 2020 for the week of November 15th. Trying to wait for the majority of oak leaves to fall met with some weather that made it difficult for Full Miles LLC. to do a thorough and timely job of leaf pickup.
- Tom will work with John Albrecht to schedule spring road grading earlier. We will try for April.
- John Albrecht will repair the road sign on Old Town Farm Road.

Communications – Phyllis Bonneau:

- We continue to have issues with receiving all e-mails via our website. The e-mail portion of our website is still being maintained by our old webmaster and Phyllis has issues with her being non-responsive. The Board agreed to terminate her contract and our current webmaster will assume those responsibilities.

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to absorb the \$100 for cancelling the previous webmaster's contract immediately.

Treasurer- Maggie Houlihan:

The District is in good financial standing with the following activity:

- The Board agreed to refund Dan and Wendy Durand of 63 Crooked Trail for duplicate tax payment in the amount of \$444.75.
- All bills have been paid.
- The Board agreed to roll over our current 13 month CD with an interest rate of 1.49 which is a lower rate than the previous rate but still competitive.

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to roll over our current 13 Month Reserve Fund CD with Putnam Bank at 1.49% interest.

New Business:

Maggie Houlihan and Tom Pandolfi attended the recent Town of Woodstock Inland Wetlands meeting to discuss the status of a complaint filed by Tom and Anna Gotta of 115 Crooked Trail Extension against the homeowner at 119 Crooked Trail Extension. The neighboring homeowner dumped copper sulfate on her property in an effort to kill and prevent any new

vegetation growth. The Gottas have lost several very large oak trees on their property near the property line and several ornamental grasses they planted along the water's edge. They are concerned about the short range and long range effects of the copper sulfate on the ground and the lake water. All of the trees on 115 Crooked Trail Extension are also dead. The Witches Woods Lake Board issued a Cease and Desist for future use of copper sulfate.

The Town of Woodstock Inlands and Wetlands committee advised homeowner Tom Gotta of the next action steps they felt he should pursue including plot plans, water samples etc. The Lake Association will continue to pursue the complaint with the Town of Woodstock and the DEEP to determine the extent of any damage to the lake. The Witches Woods Lake Board also sent a letter to the DEEP asking for their involvement.

- It is with great appreciation that the Board accepted the resignation of Vice President Glen Humes. Glen has served on the Board for over three decades and has provided invaluable support and guidance for many, many years. We wish Glen and his wife Rosemary a future of health and happiness as they become snowbirds sharing time between Florida and Woodstock.

The Next Board Meeting will be March 9, 2020

The Board would like to remind homeowners that they are welcome to attend this and any Monthly Board Meeting to observe the proceedings. Should they wish to bring something

to the Board for review, please submit a notice prior to the meeting so it may be added to the agenda for an allotted time.