

November 2nd, 2020 Witches Woods Tax District

Board of Directors Minutes

Due to the State of Connecticut social distancing recommendations for Corona virus 19, the Board held a Zoom virtual meeting which was recorded.

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

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

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches – John Barber

- Dam Inspection - Glen organized two work parties which completed almost all of the cleanup work requested by Karl Acimovic. All that is left is some minor cleanup around the spillway and the removal of some cattails. About 2/3 of the cattails have been removed. Glen feels that the remainder of the cattails will require excavation and some heavy equipment to ensure they will not grow back. He suggests that we get bids for the work as it will most likely involve excavating the lake bed 20 feet in front of spillway to an approximate depth of 24 inches, but not below the concrete spillway foundation. Then place 3 inch rock, and tamp down hard so invasive plant life will not take root. Once we have three bids, then we will decide if we see the project as a capital improvement project, or fund from budgeted 20/21 lake funds. This can be a winter project if board decides to fund from yearly budget.

- Eric and Glen started to lower the lake on Sunday (10/25). John will call Karl Acimovic sometime after the lake has been fully lowered. I will ask Karl if there are any issues with excavating near the spillway.
- Solitude Lake Management -An Algae Bloom was reported in the lake on September 30. It was particularly bad at the end of the cove. Local experts recommended letting nature take care of things over a week or two. As the algae decompose, they will sink to the bottom of the lake and the toxins will break down over time.

Solitude was scheduled to evaluate the lake earlier in October, but the evaluation was delayed due to issues with their boat equipment. However, Solitude was able to confirm visually from the shore that the algae bloom was no longer in the lake.

Solitude then did a lake evaluation by boat on Sunday (10/25) and Monday (10/26). We will eventually get a formal report from Solitude, but the following was their preliminary report:

The lake looked to be in good shape. There were minor patches of tapegrass, thinleaf pondweed, and naiad found throughout the pond. All of these plants are native and were found at healthy densities. There were a few globs of green filamentous algae but nothing of concern. Water clarity was good and no cyanobacteria aka blue-green algae was observed. No need for a late treatment. Please any questions to: lake-dam-beaches@wwlake.com

- 119 Crooked Trail Extension - Per Tina Lajoie, as of last week, no updates. The Town of Woodstock Wetlands next meeting will be on November 16th. She will send us the zoom information.
- Beavers - Based on the last email from Richard Fontaine, it appears the beavers have moved on.

Building, Zoning & Appeals – Ray Bonneau

- Permit # 20-88M was issued to Glen and Rosemary Humes of 88 Crooked Trail Road for a new boiler.
- Work has started on the dry hydrant project. Trees have been removed and Ray is waiting for a communication from the Bungay Fire Department for the next step.

Safety, Rules, and Regulations – Bill Breslau

- Bill has been working with Randi Chmura on the proposed new tax on lake owned properties. Randi obtained full size aerial maps of all the lake lots from the town assessor and Bill will keep those in his possession. There is no new information on the proposed assessment on lake owned properties.

Roads – Tom Pandolfi:

- Bill and Ray walked the lake roads and determined where additional speed bumps should be placed. Tom ordered the new signs and work on the speed bumps should begin soon.

Communications – Phyllis Bonneau:

- Phyllis updated our website www.wwlake.com and sent an e-mail to all homeowners who are on our e-mail list with the information on our November leaf pickup. Also signage will be posted at the entrances to the lake. The pickup will begin the week of November 16th.

Treasurer- Maggie Houlihan:

- Attached is the October 2020 Financial Report for your review. The financial status of the District is very good with the following

recent activity:

- (5) bill payments to:
 - Eversource (street lighting)
 - Full Myle Grounds (October snow plowing payment)
 - Tom Pandolfi (reimbursement for street signs)
 - Stonebridge Press (taxes due notice published in Woodstock Villager)
 - Woodstock Town Clerk (WWTD account for recording fees/copies)

The Next Board Meeting will be held on December 7th, 2020 @ 6:30PM.

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, they are asked to submit a notice prior to the meeting so it may be added to the agenda for an allotted time.

*A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn the meeting.
The vote was unanimous.*