

Seymour Lake Assn. Board Meeting

Date: April 12, 2014

Present: Lyman McWain, Chuck Nichols, Linda Buzzell, Tim Buzzell, Ted Jewett, Jean McKenny, Peggy Barter, Bruce Barter, Charles Woods, Dave Anderson

Unavailable to be Present: Sue Davis, Frank Antonelli, Erik Lessing

Available by phone: Ron Kolar

Also present: Candy Moot

Lyman called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

Agenda: **Treasurer's Report**
 Secretary's Report
 Dam Committee
 Employees

Treasurer's Report: Will be emailed to all Board members

- Jean asked Board approval to send addresses of all Board members to accountant for IRS 990 Form. Approval given. Also asked if she should send membership fees to FOVLAP and Lake Memphremagog Assn. Board agreed.
- Lyman asked for breakdowns of Income and Expenses to compare 2012, 2013, 2014.
- Dave Anderson would like Jean to check indemnification for Board members with our insurance agent or Steve Massicotte.

Secretary's Report: Report for Oct. 13, 2013 – Lyman asked for a motion to accept, seconded and accepted.

Dam Committee: Tim Buzzell was asked to give an update since the Fall meeting

- Bruce was asked to survey membership about effects of high water – 40% responded and 40% of them were adversely affected.
- Chuck talked to Jeb Spaulding, VT Sec. of Administration, to arrange a meeting. Attended by Justin Johnson, Sec. ANR, Lyman, Chuck and Tim - Oct. 2013. Johnson agreed to get back to them in 2 weeks, months went by.
- Candy and Tim met w/Sen. Rogers, quite concerned, indicated legislation to reinforce Supreme Court Law 1950.
- Attorney David Kelly reviewed this law and we are in good standing
- Sen. Rogers submitted to legislature; Kelly, Tim, Candy invited to testify in January. Well received, but Sen. Pro Tem Campbell wanted to negotiate w/ANR, asked for specific erosion info from SLA members and Bruce obtained 40 responses w/problems. Took to meeting w/Campbell, Johnson, lawyer Matt Chapman, engineer Jeff Crocker; meeting went nowhere.
- Again Tim, Candy and David went to Montpelier in April w/ANR and other agencies. Again it went nowhere.
- Tim called Matt Chapman and asked that he needed a “carrot” or SLA will go in a different direction.

Much discussion about where to go from here. Candy notes that David Kelly would represent SLA in a lawsuit for \$5,000 plus out of pocket expenses. He would also need experts and those SLA members who submitted written testimony to appear in Court – file w/Superior Court, Orleans Co.

Lyman asked for a **Motion to fund the lawsuit separately, as a separate budget line item**, moved by Bruce, seconded by Dave Anderson and approved by the Board.

Lyman wants it clear to donors who contribute to the legal fund that any left over money goes to Water Quality. Need info in the newsletter and asking for donations.

The Dam Committee's decision was asked for: drop negotiations w/ANR and proceed. Have Dave Kelly draft a complaint, if accepted by the Board, send it to ANR for their review & comments. At the same time call WCAX. If nothing comes of this with ANR, go to Court. Supported by Dave Anderson, Chuck, Ron Kolar, and Lyman.

Lyman asked for a **Motion to vote on the proposal to hire David Kelly, and at his discretion add expenses for experts, to draft a fiery complaint, and bring it to the Board for a decision**. So moved by Chuck, seconded by Dave and approved by the Board.

Other Business:

- Alan Wooley resigned from Select Board. Ted will ask Larry Labor if he is interested in being the ex officio member of the Board.
- Outing is Aug. 2. Chuck will talk to Frank Antonelli. Also about Ice Out.
- Lyman is resigning at end of his term but will stay on in some capacity as needed.
- Peggy – Amy will be at the lake once a week all summer, needs another volunteer for a test site.
- Jean – need to make a decision on Kal Samuels bench, kiosk and landscaping.

Summer Employment:

Janet and Chuck went to the Select Board and told Morgan was awarded a grant of \$14,260 for milfoil this year. Hired 3 new part-time: Dan Griffith, Lisa Foster, Nicole Ludwig. Bud & Reed will fill in but not enough hours to file unemployment. Chuck, Candy & Janet will also volunteer. Janet can do training.

Tim recognized Candy for all the work she has done for the Dam Committee,

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Moved by Dave, seconded by Peggy and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Buzzell, Secretary

Note: More extensive notes are available in the file.