

Seymour Lake Board of Directors Meeting - May 27, 2017 - 9 a.m.

Present: Chuck Nichols, Ted Jewett, Linda Buzzell, Jean McKenny, Tim Buzzell, Woody Woods, Rhonda Shippee, Frank Antonelli, Peggy Barter, Bruce Barter, Bonnie McWain

Not Present: Alan Franklin, Erik Lessing

New Business: Chuck said that Ron Kolar resigned from being the liaison between SLA and the Morgan Historical Society. Bonnie McWain offered to take his place.

Minutes 9/18/16: Ted made a motion to approve, Jean seconded. Approved.

Other Business: A short briefing on Wind - The Town approved \$10,000 in the budget. In Sept. 2016, they sent an appeal to the Certificate of Public good and have never heard a thing to date. The owner can proceed to build at his own risk but should the appeal be successful, they would have to take it all down. Questioned why only the posts for the solar panels are installed, the developer's wife has sold her share to another company who raised prices so it is on hold right now. VEC and GMP do not want wind power, don't need it and it will cost them a great deal of money if certain projects go through. The PSB did wind studies as to the affect turbines have on noise pollution and the report is now final and appears to provide positive constraints against wind development. Chuck will talk with Larry Labor about ongoing town funding.

Treasurer's Report: See attached. There was a brief discussion about how to invest the CD coming to renewal June 8. Tim made a motion that the Executive Board investigate options and recommend at the next board meeting. Woody seconded, approved. Peggy made a motion to have the same donations as last year. Woody seconded. SLA will donate MWA (\$100), FOVLAP (\$50), and Northwoods (\$250). Tim said Linda had a suggestion and she requested that the Board sponsor a child, preferably from Morgan, to attend the Green Mountain Conservation Camps. The cost per child is \$250 for a week. Linda will call GMCCC and research how to set it up. All Approved unanimously.

Activities:

Outing: August 5th at Camp Winape. Frank wanted to know how we can excite people to come. Brief discussion. Rhonda made a motion to ask Governor Scott to attend, seconded by Bonnie and approve. Chuck will let us know by the next board meeting.

Boating: Boat parade will be Sunday, July 2 at 2 pm with a rain date of Monday July 3. Theme will be "Show your Colors". An email blast will be sent out as well as posted on the website. Also agreed to keep the boats at a slower speed.

Boating Access: The Northwoods intern, Trevor, is looking into the history of how and when the sit was silted in. The sampling volunteers will try to document the silt coming down during a heavy rain event on Sucker Brook. Need to mitigate invasive species coming in at the launch site.

Dam: Chuck has measured the lake level 3-4 times, it is right at the high pin.

Fishing: Woody stated that the smelt are coming back in the brooks. Good sized Lakers and Salmon are being caught. Ron Frascoia is working with VTF&W to move back the legal size of fish from 20" to 18".

Loons: Platforms are out, no nests to date; nesting pairs have been observed.

Maps: Ordering more to be available by annual meeting.

Membership: See report attached.

Milfoil: We received a \$13,000 grant this year from the State (as opposed to \$16,000 last year). We may need to take action with the State and Town in the future. Chuck will discuss with Larry Labor (Morgan Selectboard, chair) funding concerns going forward.

Nominating Committee: Tim Buzzell, Bonnie McWain, Ted Jewett

Tim, Peggy Barter and Rhonda Shippee are up for re-election. Rhonda and Tim agreed to stay on. Peggy indicated that she felt we needed younger people and she was ready to leave the board.

Water Quality: The committee had a meeting 5/26/17. Peggy announced that Echo Lake is the first lake in Vermont to achieve "Gold Lake Wise" status. Need to have 15% of property owners approved (approximately 44 properties on Seymour Lake). The Northwoods intern, Trevor, is looking at various sections of the lake for "Lake Wise". Seymour only has 14 at this time. In June there will be 4 re-evaluations and 12 possible. The water sampling project is ongoing with the intern. Tim attended the Memphremagog Basin Plan meeting last week. It was stated that Seymour (clear lakes) are important to the study as Seymour's phosphorous levels are rising. It needs to be nipped in the bud before it grows worse. Good news.

New Business:

Ron Kolar has been the representative from SLA to the Morgan Historical Society and has asked to be removed. Bonnie McWain agree to fill that roll.

Tim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ted, approved at 11:05

Next meetings:

6/24/17 9 a.m.

7/22/17 8 a.m. before the Annual Meeting

8/5/17 Social