

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - March 13, 2023 via ZOOM

Present: Rhonda Shippee, President; Bonnie McWain, Vice President; Jean McKenny, Treasurer; Linda Buzzell, Secretary; Tim Buzzell, Erik Lessing, Bruce Barter, Bill Bilowus, Bruce Remick, Tom Adams

Absent: Woody Woods, Denis Fortin, Sean Selby

Committee: Peggy Barter

1. Secretary's Report January 23, 2023 - Motion made by Bonnie McWain to accept, seconded by Tim Buzzell, approved.

2. Old Business - Wake Boat Update - there was a Public Hearing in February attended by an large number of people. There was overall support for the proposed rule, however, many testified they felt the 1,000' distance from shore was preferable to the 500' in proposed rule. It is expected the final rule proposed will be something in between. If a rule is effective this season, we will schedule a meeting with Seymour wake boat owners to discuss the rules.

Betsy Walkerman requested we address boater safety. Rhonda found Vermont Boater Safety brochures and Beth will have Greeters give them out at the access and we will send an email blast in June.

GMCC - we have one camper at this point and will send another email blast, and post at the Morgan Store.

3. Treasurer's Report - Our tax status has been updated with the IRS. Audit materials are ready for Marie Tule. Our big CD was due 3/1/23 and we were able to get 14 Mo. @ 4%. The next one is due 4/25/23. The Treasurer's Report attached to the Secretary's file.

4. Activities:

Smelt - Bill Bilowus - he emailed Levi at the State and he is on board - will be 2-3 weeks at least before they can do a survey - mid-April at Seymour most likely.

On Line - Rhonda – it was approved to add information on the SLA website for home/camp rentals on/near Seymour as a benefit for members only. Upcoming email blasts will include OCNRCD plant/fish sale; membership renewal or join on line; Seymour Lake store at Land's End; offering information on the website about rentals on or near the lake and get it in the newsletter; possible final wake boat rules.

Membership - Tom Adams - nothing new at this time - working towards on line capability

Boating - Tim Buzzell & Bonnie McWain - The boat parade is scheduled for Sunday, July 2 at 1 pm, rain date Monday July 3. Bonnie has an article for the newsletter ready.

Milfoil/VIP - Rhonda Shippee - application filed - budget is similar to last year. Greeter money was not cut, just management grants for those lakes with milfoil.

Maps - Rhonda - nothing new, store has plenty. The Town is updating parcel maps.

Water Quality - Peggy Barter

A-(1) Reclassification/Septic Restriction Update - on hold until septic issue is resolved. The state has said that petitions already filed will go forward this summer even if septic issue not fixed. Rhonda doesn't feel it will be resolved and we'll have to decide how to deal with Echo's petition.

LWAP update – The state has not selected the contractor to complete the plan. Rhonda, Peggy, and Tracey will be the SLA point persons for the contractor.

5. New Business - Annual meeting suggestion, maybe have Sarah Damsell (OCNRCD) for LWAP if they are the selected contractor for the LWAP.

6. Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

June 16 - 9 am at Town Office

July 14 - 1 pm at Town Office

August 18 - 9 am at Town Office

Motion was made by Bruce Barter to adjourn, seconded by Tim Buzzell, approved