

Witches Woods Tax District Board of Directors Minutes March 2nd, 2022 7:00 pm

Members met via zoom

Members Present: Phyllis Bonneau, Ray

Bonneau, Maggie Houlihan, John Barber, Steve Leibowitz, Shari McCarthy and Rob Hannigan.

Vice President Maggie Houlihan opened the meeting at 7:19. A motion was made and seconded to approve board minutes from last month with a few editing suggestions.

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches - John Barber

- John has talked to Eric, the valve for the lake is set and will need to be closed around mid March when the chance of deep frost has passed. Phyllis will add this information to a blast email.
- Eric will need help to put out large buoys in the spring.
- Maggie inquired about any new evidence of beaver activity, at this point there is no word.
- John will reach out to Jim Hutton re: lake insurance renewal costs for budgeting purposes.

Building, Zoning & Appeals - Ray Bonneau

- No new permits

Safety, Rules, and Regulations - Bill Breslau

- Not present, driveway ordinance discussion tabled to next meeting.

Roads – Rob Hannigan

- Myles has sanded and the residents have thanked him!
- John A was consulted regarding speed bumps, he will provide a quote once areas are designated
- Larger stone patch work for potholes seems to be holding up better, the rest is a work in progress
- Ideally, larger stone/material, better culverts, higher crowned road and speed bumps should combine to reduce issues with roads but it will be costly
- Discussion regarding asking homeowners to appropriate money for what needs to be done, should we allocate monies from normal reserves? Utilize capitol road project monies? Needs further discussion and ultimately will need to be put forward at annual meeting
- Proposal to consult UCONN Civil Engineering department to see if they would be interested in using the lake roads as part of a project and then provide the board/residents with suggestions/plans to solve current roads/drainage issues, this might give us more information for discussion without incurring a cost. Maggie will contact UCONN.
- Myles will send contract renewal for plowing to Rob (mowing contract goes to John)
- Rob proposes leaf removal be considered a separate line item in bidet to make money allocation more clear
- Some frustration in obtaining road work estimates from John A, there are no concrete figures right now.

Communications - Phyllis Bonneau

- Website had hacking issues, email sent out in Mike's name, Phyllis is on it!
- An email received by Fred, Mike and Phyllis written by the son of a longtime resident, requested that late fees on the taxes to his fathers property be waived due to the death of the resident. Taxes have been paid, less the late fee. The late fee was voted on and waived.

Treasurer - Steve Leibowitz

- Balances are all good, a fair amount of money will be returned to capitol this year.
- Rob requested the last three years monies spent on services by John A to use for his budgeting purposes. Steve will email those.
- Steve talked with Mike Hennigan, Beaver Dam Rd, who would like the remaining parts of the tree removed from his front yard. Proposal that Mike M discusses this with the Bungee Board.

New Business – Mike Moran (Vice President Maggie Houlihan)

- Not present, Maggie spoke on his behalf.
- Issue of graffiti on the sign and dam. John is going to try to remove it, sandblasting last time was costly. Residents have offered trail cameras to monitor the area. Pictures/information is circulating on social media sites.
- Proposes second March meeting for March 23 to discuss budget draft.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 23rd, 2022 @ 6:00PM at the home of Steve and Laurel Leibowitz.

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. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.**