

**November 4th, 2019 Witches Woods Tax District**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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

Guest: Homeowner Tom Gotta

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

**Reports of Committee Chairs:**

**Lake, Dam and Beaches – John Barber**

- John has been working with previous chairperson Jim Hutten on transitioning Jim's responsibilities and contacts to John.
- John asked all homeowners to pick up their kayaks and canoes that are on the lake beach racks. Several have blown over with the heavy wind and storms.

**Building, Zoning & Appeals – Ray Bonneau**

- Permit #21-212B was issued to John Barber of 69 Crooked Trail for new windows and siding.
- Permit #19-230B was issued to Brian and Danielle Chambers of 36 Crooked Trail for a complete remodel
- Work was stopped at 15 Crooked Trail Road for being started without a permit.

**Safety, Rules, and Regulations – Bill Breslau**

- No activity to report

**Roads – Tom Pandolfi:**

- John Albrecht finished grading the roads.
- Leaf pick up will begin November 25<sup>th</sup>. Leaves need to be raked to the side of the road, should not be raked into any culverts and must be free of any tree limbs and brush.

- Full Miles Ground LLC is scheduled to pick up branch debris as a result of last week's rain and wind storm.
- Tom will repaint the rocks near the speed bumps on Crooked Trail Extension and will add reflective tape to the "Speed Bump" posts.

#### **Communications – Phyllis Bonneau:**

- Phyllis sent out an e-mail blast reminding homeowners of leaf pickup.

#### **Treasurer- Maggie Houlihan:**

The District is in good financial standing with the following activity:

1. (3) check withdrawals to: Quality Data Services (tax collection services) and two payments to Full-Mile Grounds, LLC (mowing/trimming services and the October snowplowing payment).
2. (1) ACH payment to Ever source (street lighting).
3. (1) Transfer of \$17,487.37 (end of fiscal year 2018-19 surplus) from our Operating checking to the Reserve fund checking.
4. The Reserve Fund Certificate of Deposit earned \$49.07 in interest.
5. A response was submitted to Smart Procure on 10/16/2019 for a Freedom of Information request for a report of checks issued from 5/16/19 to 10/15/19.

#### **New Business: Mike Moran**

- The Board has determined that the monies for the proposed Dry Hydrants will need to be presented and approved by the homeowners at the next homeowner meeting. The Board will look into any money available for the project from both FEMA and the State of Connecticut.
- Home owner Tom Gotta of 115 Crooked Trail Extension met with the Board to review a concern with his neighbor using copper sulfate to kill existing and future tree roots on her property. The result of this possible illegal usage has caused trees, tall grasses and bushes on Tom's property to die. The DEEP came out and took soil samples to determine existing and potentially damaging effects of this pesticide. Tom has also notified the Town of Woodstock Inland Wetlands Department and the North East Health Department to file a complaint.

**A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to immediately send a letter to the homeowner on record at 119 Crooked Trail Extension to Cease and Desist future use of copper sulfate and the Board will file a complaint with the Town of Woodstock Inland Wetlands, the DEEP and the North East Department of Health as a Tax District expressing our concerns and need for recommendations moving forward.**

**The Next Board Meeting will be December 2, 2019.**

*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, please submit a notice prior to the meeting so it may be added to the agenda for an allotted time.*