

Witches Woods Tax District Board of Directors Minutes April 11th, 2023 6:30 pm

Members met in person at the home of Ray and Phyllis Bonneau

Members Present: Mike Moran, Phyllis Bonneau, Ray Bonneau, Maggie Houlihan, Bill Breslau, John Barber, Steve Leibowitz, Shari McCarthy and Rob Hannigan.

Dick Fontaine joins the board as a resident looking to help out.

President Mike Moran opened the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve board minutes from last month.

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches - John Barber

- Eric reports there's still a branch issue with the valve Ray volunteers to contact the Fire Department Driver
- The rope swing on Crooked Trail extension was taken down. Residents report that it has been a fixture here at the lake for more than 38 years! Sadly, the tree was dead and leaving the rope swing up was a hazard.
- Eversource removed large limbs on the property at 50 Crooked Trail
- Solitude confirmed no algaecide treatment was done this year and will reimburse the district for the amount billed. Steve confirms that this payment has not yet been received

Building, Zoning & Appeals - Ray Bonneau

- Lois Hall 52 Indian Spring Road 23-29 E install 200 amp Mass service 40 space panel 300 amp Inlet receptacle interlock kit and receptacle panel connect existing loads to new equivalent Breakers
- Jacob Vincent 124 Indian Spring 23 - 14P run 12 ft of 3/4 in black gas pipe To 14 KW generator
- John Barber 69 Crooked Trail Extension 23-19 e kitchen renovation replacing and moving outlets, installing GFCI receptacles and Arc faults
- 5 Crooked Trail Extension LLC, 5 Crooked Trail 23-30E wire addition and relocate 200 amp underground service
- Raisa Miroshnichenko, 50 Crooked Trail 23-59B, installing rooftop railed solar PV 5.84 KW and 16 modules
- Patricia and Peter Flaherty 62 Crooked Trail 23-58B roof replacement, scope and activities
- Dena Coccozza O'Hara 41 Crooked Trail extension 23-30m install approximately 25 ft of 3/4 in black gas pipe from tank to generator

Safety, Rules, and Regulations - Bill Breslau

- Bill provided the board with an insurance update and explanation from Jim Hutton regarding budgeting for our three insurance policies, two minor and one major.
- Currently still looking for volunteers for the board for next year. Maggie and Rob are looking to step down. Bill is busy reaching out. Ray offers to slide into Rob's position. Dick Fontaine offers to help as he can but states he is not in residence for a good amount of the year.

- The board discusses a resident with a dog off leash reported to have bitten another dog and injured the dog owner. State police was called NECOG issued a ticket. According to NECOG, this was the first reported incident. The resident reports to be installing a fence within the next three weeks. Resident Dick Fontaine volunteers to call the Selectmen and the state police to do some research regarding the laws and any necessary course of action.
- The board discusses additional ways to ensure the safety of the residents including further correspondence with NECOG, the state police and possibly contacting an attorney to advise. Mike will work on a letter, contact.

Roads – Rob Hannigan

- Rob and Ray met with Albrecht regarding the footing drain for the house on the corner of Crooked Trail. Need to discuss possible strategies with the homeowner to prevent water over the newly paved section of the road.
- Five speed bumps to be installed before the end of this fiscal year and just after the official road grading
- Albrecht recommends deferring extra product to increase the crown until next year due to the mild winter we had and the good condition of the roads instead he recommends a normal brain ditch clean out and pothole filling the cost will include a \$1,000 discount due to the paved area and he agrees to use larger Stone material as was suggested by Rob and has been demonstrated as being helpful I'm keeping our roads in good condition
- current remaining budget for the roads will be used for cleaning ditches and making sure there is proper drainage to address the standing water
- to access on the schedule for the spring and has quoted us \$2,195 as a charge for cleaning the lateral lines which will be on this fiscal year Rob is asking for a quote for cleaning the culverts at the same time
- the board discusses the potential surplus of the road grading money due to the mild winter and what to do based on the upcoming budget preparations for the following fiscal year

Communications - Phyllis Bonneau

- Annual meeting announcement has been posted in the Villager, on the website, on Facebook, in Town Hall, distributed via mailbox mailings, and posted on the trees and posts around the lake.

Treasurer - Steve Leibowitz

- The board discusses proposed budget details for next fiscal year. lengthy discussion will need to be continued and voted on at the next meeting.

New Business – Mike Moran

- Conversation with the attorney regarding back taxes for 80 Spring Hill Road. It is proposed that Witches Woods tax district ask for 5 years back taxes Without any late penalties if paid by January 1 2024 (via a letter from our tax collector Katie). This amount is still less than what was refunded by Bungee. The motion was made and seconded and passed. Katie will draft the letter.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 3rd, 2023 @ 6:30 PM.

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 8:50 pm.**