

Witches Woods Tax District Board of Directors Minutes December 8th, 2021 7:00 pm

Members met in person at the home of Steven and Laurel Leibowitz

Members Present: Mike Moran, Phyllis Bonneau, Ray Bonneau, Maggie Houlihan, Bill Breslau, John Barber, Steve Leibowitz and Shari McCarthy
President Mike Moran opened the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from October. A second motion to approve the meeting minutes from November was also made and seconded,

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches - John Barber

- Myles has not completed the cleanup at the entrance Crooked Trail Extension, but with the change of seasons, it is no longer necessary at this time. Will make arrangements for a spring cleanup to improve visibility.

Building, Zoning & Appeals - Ray Bonneau

- Dry hydrant installed at Indian Spring Beach, positioned further up the beach than initially planned. Cost an additional \$200 to remove large downed trees/logs in the shallow area.
- Proposes a notice to homeowners notifying them of the dry hydrant completion as residents should now be eligible for a reduced rate on homeowners insurance.
- Ray will contact the Fire Chief and confirm that the hydrant is fully installed, and will keep board/residents notified of any potential training/practice exercises using the hydrant.
- No permits were pulled during this past month.

Safety, Rules, and Regulations - Bill Breslau

- No new items to report
- Some possible safety/board action regarding:
 - Downed tree at Dr Hennigan's, Mike agrees to contact homeowner and Bungee to make sure everything is agreeable as that tree belonged to Bungee
 - Downed pine tree on Crooked Trail may be responsibility of board to remove, Maggie will check with Fred/Donny to see if help is needed
 - Transformer still sitting on Humes property/front yard, Maggie will reach out to Eversource
 - Signs for Crooked Trail Beach regarding resident only ice fishing, no trespassing, private property. Phyllis agrees to do some research.

Roads – Rob Hannigan

- Mike began the meeting by reading Rob's report. Truax completed a second cleanout of catch basins.
- Snow stakes have been purchased to mark basins, etc.
- Potholes have been filled.

- Rob received a resident complaint regarding the turnaround at the end of Indian Spring. Rob contacted John A who will take a look.

Communications - Phyllis Bonneau

- Found a vendor for boat decals, printing decals without numbers will cost about \$1.00 each.

Treasurer - Steve Leibowitz

- No invoices to report this week.
- Several months back landscaping bills were paid and we are now up to date.

New Business – Mike Moran

- Property assessment appeals are due February 20th. Mike will reach out and discuss with Fred and Rande regarding at least two proposed tax assessments, similar to ones in previous years that were successfully appealed.
- Attorney has sent a letter to last/only resident regarding back taxes
- Maggie was contacted by Joe Ack who reports seeing beaver activity again. Phyllis will reach out to the local trapper regarding trapping season and possible removal before any damage is done.
- Maggie reports no Board Holiday party will occur this year as there are not enough people available and considering the current COVID situation it seems best/safer to postpone. Alternate discussion ensued regarding a large lake party for all on the lake. Discussion was tabled for the April meeting with a potential date for such a party as the last Saturday in June.
- Further discussion that the annual holiday party traditionally takes the place of the January meeting, as there is little to discuss this time of year, the board agrees to meet in February.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 2nd, 2022 @ 7:00PM.

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 8:20 pm.