

**Witches Woods Tax District
Board of Directors Minutes
Wednesday October 6th, 2021 7:00pm**

Members met in person at the home of Bill and Susan Bresleau

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

President Mike Moran opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made and seconded.

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches - John Barber

- Solitude Lake Management did observations today, October 6th
- Lake drawdown scheduled for the last week of October, spillway was never dry this summer, lake may take longer to drain down
- Miles will clear brush at the corner of Crooked Trail Extension to improve visibility, motion made, voted and approved to pay cost
- Eversource will contact John regarding tree removal, they have easements on all wires
- Mike added note on leaf pickup scheduled for the week of November 29th, homeowners need to be aware it is weather dependent

Building, Zoning & Appeals - Ray Bonneau

- Dry hydrant installation on Indian Trail beach is scheduled for first week in November, Mike will be contact person in Ray's absence
- September permits: Joe Ackerman, 47 Crooked Trail kExtension, generator 21-77E; William Homer, 103 Indian Spring, roof, 21-278B; James Hennigan, 141 Beaver Dam, roof, 21-259B

Safety, Rules, and Regulations - Bill Breslau

- First draft of modified driveway ordinance has been previewed by Mike, currently out for a second draft
- Discussion re: new/additional residents attending meetings

Roads – Rob Hannigan

- John A has completed roads, submitted bill for services for this fiscal year only
- Will need to move monies not used in fiscal year 2019-2020 to next year to cover future costs
- Recommendation that the catch basins be cleaned more than once per year, reported to be full again; contact with Truax reveals this is common this year due to excessive rains, will obtain quote
- Recommends that John A grade roads twice a year to help maintain drainage
- Resident raised concern via email regarding culverts being cleaned by John A using construction machine is not adequate, suggests they should be cleaned my hand/shovel; board discussion regarding these culverts may be the homeowners responsibility

- Rob proposes cleaning up/applying some product to walking paths at the juncture of Crooked Trail and Crooked Trail Extension
- Resident requests a change of the lock at the gate/chain at Crooked Trail Extension, rusted and old, will be replaced with a combination lock to match the others
- Recommends tabling speed bumps until spring, proposes testing placement of speed bumps to divert rain water at entrance at Indian Spring, Maggie volunteers to set and test with sandbags
- Scheduled to remove buoys with Eric at the end of October

Communications - Phyllis Bonneau

- Test email from Sarah to board members
- Sarah added captcha to emails to help prevent spam/bots
- Currently cleaning up/organizing treasurer reports on website
- Boat stickers to be ordered, 50+

Treasurer - Steve Leibowitz

- Absent, Mike presented treasurer's report from email

New Business – Mike Moran (Reading from Steve's report)

- Tax collection rate is very good
- Two delinquent tax payers, Fred had success with the mortgage company of one, monies remitted
- Fred requests the board approve sending a letter regarding owed back taxes (times four years) with intention to start tax sale (as worded by lawyer)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 3rd @ 7:00 PM, location TBD

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 8:09 pm.**