

May 3rd, 2021 Witches Woods Tax District

Board of Directors Minutes

Due to the State of Connecticut social distancing recommendations for Corona virus 19, the Board held a Zoom virtual meeting which was recorded.

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

Guests: Steve Leibowitz, Shari McCarthy and Rob Hannigan.

President Mike Moran opened the meeting.

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

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches - John Barber

Dam Inspection

- We paid the final bill of \$2,600 for the dam inspection report. I received two hard copies of the report. I will provide the second copy the secretary. A summary of the dam inspection will be put up on the lake website. I will remove the wooden stakes around the dam. We will look into provided more permanent markers for the pipes that exit water from the dam. Glen and Jim Hutten will clear some hanging trees near the dam to make it easier to cut the grass beneath the dam.

Beaches

- Crooked Trail (Koviciny) Beach

Glen is organizing a work group for the Crooked Trail (Koviciny) Beach. He expects work to start soon. He expects sand to be delivered at the same time John Albrecht begins his road grading. He wants the beach ready for Memorial Day weekend.

- Indian Spring (Hutengs) Beach

The small rocks from the new fire truck road near the shore have been removed to re-create a berm, which will divert water away from the shore. We also moved the larger rocks we removed to the jetty on the left side of the beach. We are also working to create a jetty on the right side of the beach. The two jetties will help prevent sand from spreading beyond the beach.

The beach has been completely raked, including removing the accumulated brush from the beach. Much of the old sand that was raked has been moved to near the shore in front of the new fire road. We believe this sand will naturally cover whatever rocks remain in the water from the fire truck road.

The first 10 yards of beach sand has been spread and raked. The new fire truck road has been completed covered up to the berm and most of the existing beach has also been covered. Cliff Moon, Mike Harpin, Shari McCarthy and especially Ray Bonneau have been involved in the work.

The final 10 yards of sand were delivered today. It was delivered higher on the beach than we wanted because they were concerned about possibly getting the truck stuck. We believe we need only about 5 more yards to cover the rest of the beach. We will leave the other 5 yards in case we need more sand for the fire

truck road or the shore. The rope and buoys have been brought to the beach.

- Sand will be delivered to the Crooked Trail beach by Memorial Day.
- Glen will purchase an additional beach rake so both beaches will have their own.

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to purchase an additional beach rake. The vote was unanimous.

Building, Zoning & Appeals - Ray Bonneau

- One new Permit # 20-233B for 88 Crooked Trail Extension for replacement windows.

Safety, Rules, and Regulations - Bill Breslau

- Bill and his committee continue to work on drafting language that will address acceptable signage for the Lake District.
- Homeowner Joe Petrelli has volunteered to monitor the lake levels and will meet with John Barber and Eric Werstler to see what assistance he can offer.

Roads – Glen Humes:

- John Albrecht has worked on the potholes on Indian Spring Road and will continue to work on the potholes on Crooked Trail and Crooked Trail Extension. He will grade the road by then end of May. We are looking into applying a layer of calcium chloride to the roads to cut down on dust. There will be some preliminary work done first to ensure that it is not harmful to the lake.
- Two birch trees are leaning over the earthen dam and will make mowing difficult. They will be cut down.

- John Albrecht will look at the culverts and see what needs to be done to clean them out.
- The Board will look into adding some additional picnic tables to the beaches.

Communications - Phyllis Bonneau:

- Phyllis has posted the 2021 Witches Woods Tax District Annual Meeting information on our website, our Facebook page, our Spring Newsletter that is sent to all homeowners, posted at five locations around the lake, the local newspaper The Villager and via e-mail to homeowners. This year's meeting will be held both in person and via Zoom on May 21, 2021 starting at 7:30PM. The in-person meeting will be at the Congregational Church of Eastford, 8 Church Road, Eastford, CT.

Treasurer - Maggie Houlihan:

- We continue to be in excellent fiscal health with (1) transfer to the Reserve fund certificate of deposit, (1) Reserve fund CD rollover, (2) deposits from tax collection and (5) bill payments to:
 - Eversource (street lighting)
 - Full Myle Grounds (April snow plowing payment)
 - US Postal Service (stamps for annual meeting notice for Phyllis Bonneau - Communications)
 - Glen Humes (reimburse for buoys, rope and cinder blocks for swim areas)
 - Karl Acimovic (5 year dam inspection and report preparation for CT DEEP)
- Our 13 month CD matured on March 30, 2021 at an interest rate of 1.49% with a balance of \$23,989.57; the board approved transferring these funds into a
- 3 month CD at an interest rate of 0.35%. In order to balance our reserve funds with about half in checking and half in the CD, I transferred an additional \$10,000 from Reserve checking into our

new 3 month CD for a total starting balance of \$33,989.57 (\$22,989.57 + \$10,000). The shorter time period may allow us to roll these funds into a CD with a higher interest rate in three months.

- Maggie reviewed the proposed budgets to be presented to homeowners for approval at the May 21st Annual Meeting.

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to present the proposed 2021-2022 Operating Budget to the homeowners for discussion and approval at the Witches Woods Tax District Annual Meeting to be held on May 21st, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

New Business – Mike Moran

- In addition to Tom Pandolfi, Chairperson for Roads who tendered his resignation last month, Secretary Sandy Pandolfi and Treasurer Maggie Houlihan have tendered their resignations. Interested replacements should contact a Board Member if they are interested. Nominations and appointments will be voted on by homeowners at the My 21st Annual Meeting.

The next Zoom Board meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021 @ 6:30PM.

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.

