

Witches Woods Tax District Board of Directors Minutes March 1st, 2023 6:30 pm

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

Members Present: Mike Moran, Phyllis Bonneau, Ray

Bonneau, Maggie Houlihan, Steve Leibowitz and Shari McCarthy. John Barber and Rob Hannigan joined via zoom..

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

- Solitude is required by new Connecticut Law to notify residents of the lake prior to treatment either by email or snail mail.
- Phyllis proposes they give us the message and we disseminate. The board is taking this into consideration.

Building, Zoning & Appeals - Ray Bonneau

- John and Pam Barber, 69 crooked Trail Extension kitchen remodel 23-32 B 2/9/23
- Francis and Lucy Jolly 78 Indian Spring Road Single home with two car and rear deck 23-31b 2/8/23
- Jacob Vicente 124 Indian Spring remove install generator circuit breaker 23 - 14 e 2/15/23

Safety, Rules, and Regulations - Bill Breslau

- Not present

Roads – Rob Hannigan

- Myles did a great job with storm, ready for Friday mix
- Myles cleared branch on Crooked Trail as well
- Ray and Rob chopped ice on paved area of Crooked Trail in the future Myles offered to sand if notified
- Footing drain from yellow house on the corner of Crooked Trail will be looked at by Rob and Albrecht. Rob has a series of possible solutions and will discuss the options with Albrecht and the homeowner to avoid future ice issues
- Filling of small potholes is making huge difference. The material that was dropped off works well, thank you Ray for your work

Communications - Phyllis Bonneau

- Beaver watch: if spotted and determined to be a nuisance DEEP will extend trapping deadline
- Trapper believes they are not living here only 'shopping' here
- Contact board if sighted

Treasurer - Steve Leibowitz

- \$3,000 bill paid to the attorney half of which was for the previous year. Payment to Katie as well

- About \$1,300 delinquent, all other taxes look good

2-23-2024 FISCAL Year Preliminary Budget Discussion

Steve

- \$8,000 transfer to Capital
- Most expenses are the same or self-explanatory. Will follow up with details next meeting

John

- Slight increase in cost of about \$1,000
- Discussion regarding a double billing from Solitude herbicide and algaecide. John has sent a letter out to confirm. Members of the board do not recall an algaecide treatment this year.

Rob

- Major grading in April/May with speed bumps are the last of the expenses left from this fiscal year
- Rob will solidify a quote for road grading for the 2023-2024 year to include increased materials / product and fuel cost.
- Rob predicts 10 to 15 tri-axle loads to bring the roads up to where they should be \$22,000 should cover grading.
- Tru-Ax increase by \$10 per catch basin for a total of \$1720.95
- Rob is recommending a blowout of the lateral lines and culverts of the catch basins using a vac jet, will look at this for May
- Myles has an increase of \$62.50 per month due to sand/fuel charge, total increase of \$750 over last years contract for a total plowing quote of \$12,750 This would be locked in for a 3-year contract
- Rob will research the Culvert cleanout/repair cost between Myles (prune low lying branches) and Albrecht to improve drainage and reduce standing water

New Business – Mike Moran

- Review of letter to homeowner on Crooked Trail Extension regarding blight
- Revisit an Indian Spring Road homeowners concern regarding resident on his property and discuss ways to mitigate
- Revisit signage request by an Indian Spring Road residence for turnaround
- Discussion of resident concern over open burning. The board reminds residents this is illegal and suggests in the future the homeowner call the fire department
- Regarding 80 Spring Hill Road: lawyer States this belongs to Witches Woods and was an 'error of fact' therefore no statute of limitations. Suggestion that the monies funded by Bungee be requested to be paid to Witches Woods Tax District. The attorney believes it was 5 years but will need to research the last 5 years mill rate and annual reports with Katie as WWTD is different from Bungee. A letter will need to be drafted and send by the board following this investigation.
- Resident Dick Fontaine has reached out to the board expressing a willingness to help out as a member.
- Friday May 19th is the annual meeting Shari will contact Bill Wagner at the Bungie fire station and secure the meeting room beginning at 6:30.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 5th, 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 pm.**