

March 11, 2019 Witches Woods Tax District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Mike Moran, Tom Pandolfi, Glen Humes, Jim Hutten, Sandy Pandolfi and Chris Latour

Guests Present: Bill Breslau and Sherri O'Leary

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

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches – Jim Hutten

- Jim will have Mike sign the Solitude Lake Management new 3-year contract. Jim negotiated with Solitude and was able to reduce the price by \$600.

A motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to accept the new 3-year proposal/contract from Solitude Lake Management to apply treatments to areas A and B on the lake at an annual cost of \$3865 plus a \$300 permit fee to the State of Connecticut DEEP.

Building, Zoning & Appeals – Ray Bonneau

- No new permits were issued.

Safety, Rules, and Regulations – Chris Latour

- Chris and the Lake Safety committee met on February 10th continuing to discuss the topics of drones, gasoline remote controlled boats and boat motor horsepower maximums.

Chris presented to the Board the findings and recommendations of the committee relative to increasing the size of power motors allowed on the lake.

The Board will deliberate the recommendations at the April 1st Board Meeting. ***Should*** the Board come to a consensus on the changes, they will make their recommendations to the homeowners at a **special meeting** on April 26th at the Bungay Firehouse at 7:00PM. The presentation will be followed by a discussion and a final homeowner vote. All homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend. A formal notice will be mailed to all homeowners.

- Unmanned Drones – Even if you are flying in your backyard, drones that weigh more than 0.55 pounds must be registered with the FAA and you must be at least 13 years old to operate a drone.

Under part 107 of the FAA Unmanned Systems Aircraft, drone pilots planning to fly within five miles of an airport must get permission from the Airport Operator/Manager and Air Traffic Control if the airport has a control tower if flying within five miles of an airport. Toutant Airport-C44 in Woodstock is a private airport located within the five-mile limit of Witches Woods Lake.

- The issue of gasoline powered remote control boats has been tabled for the present.

Roads – Tom Pandolfi

- Washouts continue to occur, and Tom will notify John Albrecht to repair the area on Crooked Trail in front of the Liebowitz home.

Communications – Phyllis Bonneau:

- Submitted nothing new to report

Treasurer- Maggie Houlihan

- Last month Maggie suggested we take one half of our current Reserve Fund of \$46,000 and move it to a 13-month CD Special at Putnam Bank at 2.47% interest and in three weeks the CD earned \$31.
- The Board will need to appoint an Audit Committee of three people to conduct an audit of our financials before June 30th, 2019.
- The Board will begin work on next years budget that will be presented at the Witches Woods Tax District Annual meeting May 17th, 2019.

New Business:

- Nothing new to report

A Motion was made, Seconded and Approved to Adjourn the meeting.

The Next Board Meeting will be March 4, 2019