

## **October 1, 2018 Witches Woods Tax District**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Mike Moran, Tom Pandolfi, Glen Humes, Jim Hutten, Sandy Pandolfi, Phyllis Bonneau, Maggie Houlihan, Chris Latour, Jim Hutten and Ray Bonneau

Guest: Larry Sommer

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

### **Reports of Committee Chairs:**

#### **Lake, Dam and Beaches –Jim Hutten**

- Jim received a notice from Burns Insurance Agency cancelling Randy Chmura on our bond.
- The lake drawdown will begin October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a large tree that has fallen into the lake and must be removed. Glen contacted a tree company and it will cost \$1000 to remove it. To remove the stumps and take them away will be an additional cost. Glen will contact the homeowner to discuss options.
- There is a fallen tree at the base of the earthen dam that will have to be removed before the next mowing season.

#### **Communications – Phyllis Bonneau**

- Phyllis has been developing a Facebook page for the Witches Woods Tax District to be used as another source for information. It should be available to view and join this month.
- Phyllis would like to thank our neighbors Pam and John Barber for assisting her with updating our website, [wwwlake.com](http://wwwlake.com).

#### **Building, Zoning & Appeals – Ray Bonneau**

- New permit information is not available currently.

#### **Rules, Ordinances and Safety – Chris Latour**

- The Safety Rules and Regulations committee met and discussed the procedures necessary to advance changes to our Rules and Regulations that are currently under the jurisdiction of the Town of Woodstock. The first step is to return the jurisdiction back to the Witches Woods Tax District.

**A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to have the Witches Woods Tax District Board of Directors request the Town of Woodstock rescind the most current Witches Woods Boating Ordinance passed September 22, 1995.**

President Mike Moran will contact Woodstock's First Selectman on how to best move forward on this motion.

- The Board intends to hold a special meeting in the spring for homeowners to vote on any changes to our boating regulations. This will take place prior to the Witches Woods Tax District annual meeting in May 2019.
- Chris continues to look for a fourth volunteer for her Lake Recreation Committee. Any interested homeowner may contact Chris or a board member.

**Roads – Tom Pandolfi**

- Tom continues to work with John Albrecht on a schedule to repair the road washout areas.
- Full-Myle Grounds Co. has completed trimming the brush areas around the roads.
- TruaX is finishing up cleaning out the catch basins.
- Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue thru December 8<sup>th</sup>. All homeowners should have their leaves roadside by December 3<sup>rd</sup> as Full - Myles Grounds may start on any of the roads and work as the weather permits. Please rake LEAVES only for pick up and they should be roadside and NOT in any culvert.

**Treasurer- Maggie Houlihan**

- Maggie reviewed September financials and reports that we are in good financial standing.
- All bill received have been paid.

**New Business:**

- Homeowner Larry Sommer asked to meet with the Board to talk about a few things of interest. He presented the Board with an article on Airbnb's that highlighted some of the concerns and the downside of daily rentals.
- Larry brought up a concern about the number of tree stumps and rocks that are close to the top of the water and asked the Board to consider dredging the lake or consider a long-range plan. Glen explained the tremendous cost of dredging the lake. He also explained that a permit is required to remove tree stumps or change anything that involves the lake waters. Changes may require the Inlands Wet Commission or perhaps the Deep get involved. The Board is unable to authorize any work unless a permit has been issued.
- The Board sent a letter to the homeowner following up the results of their Hearing held on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike will make a personal visit to the second homeowner who has not appeared for a Hearing and continues to be out of compliance for both s Safe Boating Certificates and Boat Registration and hand carry a letter.

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

**The Next Board Meeting will be November 12<sup>st</sup>, 2018**