

WEST HILL POND ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
7PM August 15, 2012
Sessions Conference Room, New Hartford Town Hall

Minutes of 8/15/12 WHPA Meeting (per agenda)

Present: Skip Sly, Bob Steele (Boy Scouts), Dan Jerram (town of New Hartford), Bill Adamson WHSPOA, Bob Pelletier (LAPOA), Frank Galliher dam superintendent, Mary Hourdequin (WHBC), Tom Sloss (Marstan Trails)

1. Call to order. Sly
2. Approval of prior year's minutes.---- Sly/Sloss *Motion to approve last year's minutes passed after question re Barkhamstead ever paying their dues. Skip said that Barkhamstead has discontinued its Trustee representation. Dan asked several questions re draw-downs, especially because of implications for New Hartford dock maintenance. Next major drawdown (3ft) will be fall of 2016. Skip suggested that Dan prepare a plan and make an appeal to the Pond Association if a major drawdown will be required before then.*
3. Vote on Sly's request to remain a Trustee
Bill Adamsen to replaces Sly as WHLSPOA trustee
Mary Hourdequin to replace Roberts as Beach Club Trustee
Trustee Changes - *Skip facilitated discussion re changes and read letter from WHLSPOA naming Bill Adamsen as his replacement and a letter from WHBC naming Mary Hourdequin as their Trustee. Skip then asked the board to approve his request to become a non-affiliated trustee (by-laws allow for 11 trustees). Tom raised question as to whether non-affiliated trustees would pay annual dues. The answer is yes. Bob asked about process of seeking other trustees. There is no current effort to seek additional trustees. Dan raised issue of differentiated dues for individuals vs affiliated trustees. All trustees currently are expected to pay the same dues. Bob P mentioned that issue of developing a dues formula based on "size" of organizations has been raised in last few years. Trustees approved Skips request to become a non-affiliated trustee.*
4. Water Rights Committee report.--- Pelletier
Trespass Issues
Fall drawdown plan
Drawdown *started in early October last year; down close to 3' by mid-October;. Currently, lake is down about 6" and will be down the required 2ft by Nov 1st. Next four years are 2' draw down years. (Every 5 years there is a 3ft drawdown.) Skip suggested considering starting drawdown later in October since more folks want usage for longer.*

Trespass Issue; west of gate house, 20' area. LAPOA owns area and is getting frustrated with unauthorized people using area. Police have been notified that area is private. Tom suggested a rope across there, saying "no trespassing." A fence or rope could interfere with access to dry fire hydrant by fire dept. Skip consulted Pond Assoc attorney. (Pond Assoc paid for improvements to area since they maintain dam.) Skip raised issue re potential liability. Pond Assoc could write to LAPOA asking them to fence off area. Mary raised issue re number of people trespassing on island and on Camp Sequassen land. Dan talked about police boat used on lake for enforcement; town is now scheduling lake monitoring as part of regular police work. If called by a constituent, an officer could respond. Local police authority is same on water re trespassing. Original goal was to get boat patrol in water once a week.

5. Storm Water Runoff, Weed Mgmt
and H&H update.---Sly

Skip reported that a resident has cleared fallen trees in the #14 inflow which drains much of the Rickie road area. . Plans are being draw to use \$15,000 of State money to install better storm drains in the Rickie Road area, inflow area #14 as identified in the storm water runoff survey. New Hartford is seeking grant monies for West Hill road drainage repairs ,#6 and 7of the study Other improvements, #10 of the study, in Marstan Trails are scheduled. LAPOA will do improvements, #1 of the study after drawdown. New England Aquatics Services laid down aquatic screen and removed some weeds around Teddy Bear. Hydraulic (H&H) study --some movement in this area

6. Treasurers Report---Sly - summary provided and reviewed by Skip. Tom raised issue re gate house door needing replacement and some painting. Frank will rebuild door. Bob P will handle painting. Discussed web site development for Pond Association; model is Lake George website. Bill reported that framework is already there; can use "Go Daddy" template. Bill raised issue re maintenance of aquatic screening.

7. Proposed Budget --- Sly **Budget was voted on and approved as presented.** Skip proposed an additional signatory be added to the bank account. Resolution to have Dan Jerram as an additional signatory on the Northwest Community Bank account was approved by unanimous vote of the Trustees. .

8. Election of officers----Sloss Presented and approved
Sly---- President
Sloss—Vice President
Hourdequin---Secretary
Sly--Treasurer

9. Old/New Business

Long Range Mgmt Plan---Adamsen, (Shore Properties Owners Association)
Long Term Management Plan which Bill distributed is in **draft** form.
Goal is to maintain values by managing aquatic plants and ensuring water

quality. Trying to put together best management practices for all homeowners both in watershed area and on the lakefront.

Skip suggested a variety of ways to get broader groups involved voluntarily rather than through further regulations. A number of ideas were discussed. Skip asked trustees to disseminate the draft long term management plan to get feedback from their individual organizations. Bill has collected plans from other associations. Mary indicated that she can present the Long Term Management Plan to WHBC. Bill will let us know date by which he would like feedback after talking with committee that wrote draft.

Discussed concerns re geese issues and their potential to pollute the lake.

10. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Hourdequin, Secretary, Pond Association - 8/15/12